

Question on Notice
No. 667
Asked on 23 June 2022

MR D LAST ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Question on Notice No. 1197 asked on 13 October 2021-

Will the Minister advise the approved police officer strength for road policing officers (including forensic crash officers and highway patrol officers) for the 2021-22 financial year?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that all operational police officers have a responsibility for road safety.

The QPS has advised that officers attached to specific road policing units are dedicated solely to undertake tasks that enhance road safety.

Further, I am advised by the QPS that the approved police officer strength for road policing officers, including forensic crash unit officers and highway patrol officers as at 30 June 2022 was 587.

This Government has committed to the biggest boost to policing in Queensland in three decades. The 2022/23 record police budget supports the rollout of an additional 2,025 police personnel, including 1,450 sworn officers over five years, from 1 July 2020.

The allocation of police resources is a matter for the Commissioner of Police based on operational policing demand and direct service delivery requirements to ensure a fair and equitable service is provided throughout the State. I am advised these requirements can change as new policing issues emerge.