

Question on Notice
No. 997
Asked on 12 October 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Southport Police Station—

Will the Minister provide (a) the number of general duties uniform police positions allocated to the station (reported separately by year) from 2017 to 2021 inclusive, (b) the current number of general duties uniform police positions allocated to the station as of 10 October 2022 and (c) the current number of uniform general duties vacancies as of 10 October 2022?

ANSWER:

This Government has committed to the biggest boost to policing in Queensland in three decades. The record \$3 billion plus police budget supports the rollout of an additional 2,025 police personnel, including 1,450 sworn officers over five years, from 1 July 2020.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that of the 1,450 additional police officers to be delivered over five years from 1 July 2020, the Police Commissioner has determined that at least 150 positions will be located in the South Eastern Police Region, which includes the Gold Coast Police District and the Southport Police Division.

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. There are over 1,000 approved police positions in the Gold Coast Police District, an increase of 104 police positions since 2015, as at 31 October 2022.

I am advised by the QPS that the approved strength, as at 30 December of each year, of Constable General Duties Officers at Southport Police Division is detailed in the table below. This approved strength provided does not include Sergeant (Shift Supervisor), shopfront, or Community Police Beat positions officers within the Southport Division.

2017	85
2018	86
2019	86
2020	87
2021	87

I am further advised by the QPS that Human resource statistics are compiled and validated by the Human Resources Division at the end of each month. Therefore, the information available to answer the question was verified as at 31 October 2022.

I am informed by the QPS that, as at 31 October 2022, the approved strength and actual headcount of Constable General Duties Officers at Southport Police Division was 87 and there were no substantive Constable General Duties vacancies at Southport Police Division.