

Question on Notice
No. 1130
Asked on 14 September 2023

DR M ROBINSON ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES
AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the recent house fire on Russell Island and first-hand visits by senior personnel— Will the Minister advise what action is being taken to address current inadequate staffing levels and the timeframe for additional policing resources to be stationed on the island?

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 2,025 police personnel, including 1,450 police officers, over five years.

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.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that under this Government the approved police strength at Russell Island Police Station has doubled.

I am also informed by the QPS that personnel from other district, regional and centralised support functions such as Redland Bay Water Police, General Duties Police, Investigators from the Criminal Investigation Branch and the Child Protection Investigation Unit, Tactical Crime Squad, Highway Patrol Officers, District Crime Prevention Unit, Forensic Officers, and the Vulnerable Persons Unit also provide assistance in response to local issues on Russell Island as and when required.

In addition, in line with assessments for policing growth allocations, I am advised that South Brisbane District will consider options for additional policing strength for Russell Island in the 2023-24 police growth allocation.