

Question on Notice
No. 1208
Asked on 11 October 2023

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise, as at 30 September 2023 (a) the number of vacancies for Commissioned Officers in the Queensland Police Service, (b) the longest period for which a vacancy for a Commissioned Officer has existed and (c) how many Commissioned Officers have been appointed in an 'Acting' capacity?

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.

As with many organisations, there will be from time to time vacancies or additional personnel at workplace locations. Where vacancies exist, the QPS endeavours to fill those positions as a matter of priority. In addition, when retirements or other personnel movements are expected or planned, the QPS will at times locate additional personnel at these workplace locations to support the transition of those personnel. That may mean that a particular policing establishment may have more personnel than its approved strength on a specific date (for example, 30 June) for a period of time.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that, as at 30 September 2023:

- (a) There were a total of 50 commissioned officer positions substantively vacant, of which 37 of these positions were backfilled through 'acting' arrangements.
- (b) There is a substantively vacant commissioned officer position that has been backfilled on an 'acting' arrangement basis since 5 October 2021.
- (c) There were 89 commissioned officers serving in an 'acting' capacity in either permanent or temporary positions.