

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 530**  
**Asked on 10 May 2023**

**MR P WEIR** ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to crime and the growth in population in the southern area of the Toowoomba Regional Council district – Will the Minister advise if the department has any intention to upgrade the Drayton Police Station to a 24 hour station.

ANSWER:

This Government has committed to the biggest boost to policing in three decades with the rollout of an additional 2,025 police personnel over five years.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that of the additional personnel to be delivered over the five years, the Police Commissioner has determined that at least 150 police officer positions will be located in the Southern Policing Region, which includes the Darling Downs District and the Toowoomba Regional Council Area.

I am further advised by the QPS that the staffing model for Drayton Police Division has been expanded with the recent addition of three positions. The process for filling these positions has commenced. In addition, I am also advised that the Drayton Police Division already is part of a 24/7 borderless, priority policing model within the Darling Downs District.

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. The Commissioner makes this decision, free of any political interference, which is as it should be. This also ensures a fair and equitable service is provided throughout the state.