

Question on Notice
No. 675
Asked on 24 May 2023

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister inform residents the actual police numbers (reported separately by individual Police Station in table format) for the Gold Coast Region for the month of April for 2020 to 2023?

ANSWER:

The Member's question refers to the 'Gold Coast Region'. In relation to that, there are many interpretations. For example, the Member may be referring to the South Eastern Police Region, the Gold Coast Police District, Gold Coast City Council Local Government area, Gold Coast Statistical Area (SA4), Gold Coast Hinterland Statistical area (SA3), Gold Coast - North Statistical Area (SA3), or another geographical area.

However, if the member is referring to the Gold Coast Police District, because the Gold Coast Police District operates on a borderless policing model and has various facilities and police officers who perform divisional, district and central police functions, the Queensland Police Service (QPS) has advised that the best way to represent policing resources based in the Gold Coast Police District is by reporting total numbers across all facilities and all policing functions.

Accordingly, the QPS advise that the number of approved permanent positions and substantive headcount for the Gold Coast District, inclusive of police divisions, central and district functions, are outlined in the table below:

Date	Approved Permanent Positions	Substantive Headcount
30 April 2020	1,035	1,063
30 April 2021	1,041	1,056
30 April 2022	1,084	1,103
30 April 2023	1,102	1,101

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.

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, which includes the allocation of 150 permanent positions to the South Eastern Police Region of which the Gold Coast Police District is a part.

Additionally, this Government has delivered new police facilities in Arundel and Pimpama in the Gold Coast Police District as part of our dedication to enhancing police resources and ensuring community safety is a top priority.