Question on Notice No. 687 Asked on 25 May 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to recommendation 29 of A Call for Change—

Will the Minister advise (a) the number of police stations with a designated private, safe and secure area for all persons presenting for domestic and family violence matters, (b) the number and location of police stations without a designated private, safe and secure area for all persons presenting for domestic and family violence matters, (c) whether the Operational Procedures Manual has been amended to mandate that designated areas are used for all enquiries, discussions, reports and interviews with persons presenting for domestic and family violence matters and (d) whether all stations have a professionally designed A3 notice prominently displayed at the front of the station advertising the availability of that private area produced by the Domestic, Family Violence and Vulnerable Persons Command, and, if not, which stations do not have this displayed?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that on 15 May 2023, pursuant to section 4.9 'Commissioner's directions' of the *Police Service Administration Act 1990* (Qld), the QPS issued a direction for all police stations and establishments to have designated a private, safe and secure area or areas for members to use for all enquiries, discussions, reports, interviews and investigations with persons who present in relation to domestic and family violence matters. The direction clearly instructs that a person presenting to a police station or establishment in relation to domestic and family violence matters is to be taken to a designated area to progress all enquiries, discussions, reports, interviews and investigations.

The direction also requires messaging advising of the availability of the designated area is to be prominently displayed at the front counter of every police station or establishment. An A3 poster advertising the availability of the designated area has been produced by the Domestic Family Violence and Vulnerable Persons Command and hard copies have been sent to all police Districts for distribution to all police stations and establishments to display.

I am advised by the QPS that information about the built environment of the 563 police facilities and establishments in Queensland, would require canvassing of all police establishments across the State. This is considered by the QPS to be an unjustifiable use of police resources at this time.