

Question on Notice
No. 711
Asked on 25 May 2023

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister (a) advise the level of FTE actual front-line police officers (not approved police positions) located at the Kawana Police Station for 2015 to 2023 (reported separately by year) and (b) commit to additional actual FTE front-line Police at the Kawana Waters Police Station to deal with the crime crisis gripping the Kawana Electorate?

ANSWER:

While there are many police facilities in Queensland, I am advised by the Queensland Police Service that there is no 'Kawana Police Station' (nor is there a police station located in the suburb of Kawana) as referred to in part (a) of the question. There is, however, a 'Kawana Waters Police Station' located in the suburb of Bokarina, but as the member has referred to this facility in part (b) of the question I have assumed that the Member has intentionally made a distinction. I am therefore unable to answer this part of the question.

In relation to part (b) of the question, 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 by the Queensland Police Service that 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, including 1,450 police officers, over five years. As part of this record delivery, 150 growth positions have been allocated to the North Coast Region (NCR) (which includes the member's electorate). I am informed by the QPS that these positions are already rolling out with growth positions being allocated to the new Caloundra South Police Division, scheduled to open in 2024. This new facility and the additional growth positions will support the outstanding police work in the Kawana electorate and wider Sunshine Coast area.