Question on Notice No. 737 Asked on 13 June 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Vulnerable Persons Units at the Gympie, Maryborough and Bundaberg Police Stations— Will the Minister advise (reported separately) (a) the approved strength and actual police numbers within each of these units and (b) how many of these positions are entitled to Operational Shift Allowance (OSA) and how many are non-OSA positions?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that officers collectively allocated to the Wide Bay Burnett Police District Domestic Violence and Vulnerable Persons Unit (DFV&VPU) are located at each of the Bundaberg, Gympie and Maryborough police stations. These officers work across the entire Wide Bay Burnett Police District.

The QPS has advised that the number of Wide Bay Burnett Police District DFV&VPU approved permanent positions as at 31 May 2023 was 14. I am informed by the QPS that as at 31 May 2023 all positions were filled and there were no vacancies.

I am further advised by the QPS that Operational Shift Allowance (OSA) is a fortnightly allowance paid to officers who equitably participate in a two or three shift roster over seven days per week. Currently six of these officers receive OSA.