

Question on Notice
No. 846
Asked on 16 June 2023

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of approved permanent positions for police officers allocated to Taskforce Maxima (this relates to the number of approved permanent positions, not the number of police officers currently performing duty at Taskforce Maxima)?

ANSWER:

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.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service that, as at 30 June 2023, there were 89 approved permanent police positions allocated to the Organised Crime Gangs Group (OCGG), which currently consists of Taskforce Maxima, Major and Organised Crime Squads (Logan and Gold Coast), Protracted Operations and the Prevention and Disruption Unit. The allocation of staff to these work units has fluctuated since the inception of OCGG (2017) as a result of changing operational demand and organisational re-prioritisation. The number of approved permanent positions for the Organised Crime Gangs Group (OCGG) for the last five financial years is as follows:

- 2018/19 – 68;
- 2019/20 – 68;
- 2020/21 – 85;
- 2021/22 – 89;
- 2022/23 – 89.

Taskforce Maxima and OCGG are also supported by other units within the QPS including district and divisional police resources.