

Question on Notice
No. 863
Asked on 16 June 2023

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide the total number of overtime hours and cost for the Moreton Police District for the years 2018-2019 to 2022-2023 year to date (reported separately by financial year)?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that overtime is, always has been and always will be necessary for the effective and safe function of a 24/7 frontline public safety agency due to the dynamic nature of the work environment and the need for flexibility.

I am further advised that the QPS budget for overtime expenditure is part of the QPS annual operating budget and is considered part of business as usual annual expenditure.

I am advised by the QPS) that the total cost of overtime payments for the Moreton District for the financial year 2018-19 is \$1.471M, 2019-20 is \$1.225M, 2020-21 is \$1.234M, 2021-22 is \$1.991M and 2022-23 is \$1.887M.

I am further advised by the QPS that the approximate number of overtime hours based on average overtime rate for the Moreton District for the financial year 2018-19 is 16,405, 2019-20 is 13,481, 2020-21 is 13,750, 2021-22 is 21,563 and 2022-23 is 20,004.

Note:

1. In 2021, the Moreton District boundary was realigned to include additional police divisions and additional police officers as part of the establishment of the North Coast Police Region, therefore increasing the overtime budget for 2021-22 and ongoing.
2. The total figure excludes staff member overtime and any police officer recoverable expenditure for overtime such as COVID-19 duties, special services, specific funding initiatives and eligible overtime recoveries for the police response during natural disasters and other emergent events.