

Question on Notice
No. 980
Asked on 24 August 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the efficiency and user-friendliness of the ITAS (Intelligence, Tactical and Analysis System) - will the Minister provide the duration it would take for a trained police officer to retrieve the roster details for Toowoomba Police Station for the period between 31 December 2022 and 27 January 2023?

ANSWER:

I refer the member to the responses to Questions on Notice Nos. 18 and 345 of 2023.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that a definitive answer to this question cannot be provided due to the range of variables associated with retrieving roster details from ITAS (Intelligence, Tactical and Analysis System). I am informed that generally, the ITAS retrieval process is not time consuming for an individual trained in and recently familiar with the use of the System.

However, I am further advised that it is the provision of verified roster information that requires more than an examination of ITAS. For complete accuracy, the data requires manual extraction from the ITAS System, which is then reconciled against other data sources, before being cross checked against leave takings recorded in Aurion, which is the QPS payroll and Human Resource software.

In addition, the QPS advise there are a number of reasons they do not release details of police rosters and the specific allocation of police resources to the community. The release of operational policing information has the potential to compromise officer safety, as it means that information is in the public domain about methodologies and rostering practises of police personnel. I hope the member would agree with the QPS that anything which compromises officer safety should be avoided.

I am also advised that a police station roster is not an accurate reflection of the entirety of the resources available to a community at any one time. Police stations have the ability, when required, to draw on resources from other geographically close police divisions, sections, units or specialist groups including but not limited to the Criminal Investigation Branch, Tactical Crime Squad, Dog Squad, Highway Patrol or Task Force Guardian for youth crime related responses, to name a few. These additional resources are not reflected in a specific police station roster but are available to meet policing demand when required.

Keeping the community safe is a collective responsibility within the borderless policing model.