

Question on Notice
No. 990
Asked on 24 August 2023

DR M ROBINSON ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES
AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) the current policing numbers permanently stationed at Macleay Island Police Station and whether these officers are required to service nearby Karragarra and Lamb Islands, (b) the reason for the recent five-day closure of the Macleay Island Police Station (19-23 August) and (c) the measures in place to ensure there is a sufficient police presence to cover these three Southern Moreton Bay islands?

ANSWER:

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.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that in relation to the member's question:

- As at 31 July 2023 the approved permanent positions at Macleay Island Police Station was four.
- Macleay Police Station remained open and staffed during the period 19-23 August.
- Redland Bay Police Station services Karragarra and Lamb Island with the assistance of the Redland Bay Water Police. To ensure that there is sufficient police presence to cover these Islands, additional policing resources are deployed immediately from the mainland to ensure an effective and continued service delivery to meet the community needs. I am further advised district policing resources like Tactical Crime Squad, Criminal Investigation Branch and Child Protection Investigation Unit routinely service these Islands as required.

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.