

Question on Notice
No. 1138
Asked on 10 December 2024

MR T WATTS ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON D PURDIE)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of general duties staff who worked each day for the 28-day roster period 31 December 2022 to 27 January 2023 at the Toowoomba Police Station?

ANSWER:

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 the QPS Intelligence, Tactical and Analysis System (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 it does not release details of police rosters and the specific allocation of police resources to the community because the public release of operational policing information (i.e., methodologies and rostering practices of police personnel) has the potential to compromise officer safety.

I am also advised that a police station roster is not an accurate reflection of the entirety of the resources available to the 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, Taskforce Guardian, Operation Whiskey Legion and Operation Unison. These additional resources are not reflected in a specific police station roster but are available to meet policing demand when required. To this end, keeping the community safe is a collective responsibility within the borderless policing model.