

Question on Notice
No. 1178
Asked on 11 December 2024

MS S BOLTON ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON D PURDIE)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the issue of persistent anti-social behaviour in hotspots across Queensland—

Will the Minister advise (a) what will be actioned to address this including over the holiday period and (b) whether the new modelling for police allocations will be fast tracked?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that:

The QPS are guided by the best available information to inform and respond quickly and effectively to alcohol and drug related violence and anti-social behaviour, particularly in places in and around where alcohol is being sold and supplied.

During this holiday season, police deployments will include licensed premises, Safe Night Precincts (SNPs) and public events, particularly anywhere alcohol is sold for consumption. Any person behaving in a disorderly, offensive, or violent way, whether alcohol or drugs are involved may be subject to a 'move on' direction, a Police Banning Notice, infringement notice or other police action, like arrest.

Police operations including Operation Whiskey Legion and Operation Unison remain ongoing. These operations target high-volume, high crime hot spots to strengthen community safety and enhance local policing capabilities, while providing a highly visible policing presence to disrupt and deter offending.

These strategies have been further supplemented by the expansion of Jack's Law in September 2024, to public areas, including shopping centres, sporting venues, entertainment precincts and licensed premises, in addition to the previously authorised SNPs and public transport locations. Handheld scanner operations aim to remove weapons from public spaces to reduce knife crime and keep the community safe.

In addition, Mobile Police Beats (MPBs) are delivering a highly visible police presence with police able to swiftly respond when and where they are needed. A total of 23 MPBs are currently operational across the state, providing a targeted response to community concerns and crime trends.

In response to the recommendation of the Auditor-General in their report *Deploying police resources (Report 4: 2023–24)* regarding the development of a robust model for forecasting demand, the QPS has developed a Resource Allocation Modelling Methodology to determine the current and projected demand for service to enable additional police officer capacity to be allocated appropriately. This will be used to inform future growth.