

Question on Notice
No. 131
Asked on 5 March 2024

MR P WEIR ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide for the Cambooya, Crows Nest, Drayton, Goombungee, Jondaryan, Oakey and Pittsworth Police Stations from 2019 to February 2024 inclusive by years, (a) the number of police officers who were on sick leave for more than 4 weeks, (b) the number of police officers currently on sick leave, (c) the longest length of time a police officer has been on sick leave and (d) the additional staffing and support provided to police stations and the community at those with only one or two allocated officers whilst those are on prolonged sick leave?

ANSWER:

Due to the size of the stations listed in the above question, I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that providing a response to parts a), b), and c) may compromise individual officers' privacy by disclosing personal health information, which is required to be kept confidential in accordance with legislation. As such, I am unable to answer these parts of the Member's question.

In relation to part d), I am further advised by the QPS that a borderless policing philosophy and priority policing model is applied to direct resources in an effective and timely manner to maximise the organisation's capability to protect and serve the community. The result is a more agile policing response where officers from neighbouring police divisions may assist with service demand. When police are accessing periods of leave, expressions of interest may be used to fill temporary short-term or longer-term absences.