

Question on Notice
No. 310
Asked on 20 March 2024

MR M BOOTHMAN ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY (HON M RYAN)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) the current FTE allocation of Police Officers for each of the divisions of Broadbeach, Coolangatta, Coomera, Mudgeeraba, Nerang, Palm Beach, Robina, Runaway Bay, Southport and Surfers Paradise and (b) the number of calls for service for each of the mentioned police divisions (reported monthly from November 2023 to February 2024 in table format)?

ANSWER:

As the Member would be aware, 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, and that is as it should be. That was a direct outcome of the Fitzgerald Inquiry. I am advised these requirements can change as new policing issues emerge.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that there were more than 1,100 approved permanent police positions allocated to the Gold Coast Police District as at 29 February 2024.

Further, I am advised by the QPS that of the more than 1,100 approved permanent police positions, a number are allocated to the requested policing divisions as set out below. The remainder are allocated to other divisional, district and central policing functions.

- Broadbeach Division – 63
- Coolangatta Division – 32
- Coomera Division – 78
- Mudgeeraba Division – 22
- Nerang Division – 40
- Palm Beach Division – 32
- Robina Division – 31
- Runaway Bay Division – 24
- Southport Division – 100
- Surfers Paradise Division – 107

I am advised by the QPS that police districts have discretion and flexibility to move resources around as demand dictates to keep Queenslanders safe. For example, in addition to designated police division resources, specialist police group resources such as water police, drug squad, and homicide units, can be drawn upon to assist with attending to an incident or responding to a call. Police divisions also have the ability to draw on resources from other geographically close police divisions to effectively provide policing services to the community.

(a) I am further advised by the QPS that the number of calls for service for the requested police divisions, reported by month from 1 November 2023 to 29 February 2024 are detailed in the following table:

Number of calls for service by police division, selected police divisions, 1 November 2023 to 29 February 2024

Police Division	Number			
	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024
Broadbeach	1,470	1,456	1,379	1,255
Coolangatta	618	715	656	670
Coomera	1,441	1,974	1,518	1,321
Mudgeeraba	493	682	565	465
Nerang	1,170	1,248	1,138	1,084
Palm Beach	864	1,038	887	779
Robina	761	781	729	678
Runaway Bay	621	880	662	598
Southport	2,506	2,997	2,734	2,563
Surfers Paradise	1,201	1,334	1,176	1,062

Notes:

1. This data is preliminary and may be subject to change.
2. Data is for the period between 01 November 2023 and 29 February 2024.
3. Data have been extracted using the initial call for service type.