

Question on Notice
No. 646
Asked on 11 June 2025

MR S KING ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON D PURDIE)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister's statement to Parliament on 20 May 2025 (Hansard page 1302) in relation to the State Flying Squad ('the Flyers')—

Will the Minister confirm (a) as at 31 May 2025, (i) the 'approved strength' or number of approved permanent positions allocated to the Flyers (reported separately by rank), (ii) the actual headcount of officers attached to the Flyers (reported separately by rank), (iii) the number of vacancies in the Flyers, (iv) the number of positions which are filled temporarily, (v) the number of positions which are filled permanently, (vi) whether any position numbers allocated to the Flyers have been transferred from other parts of the Queensland Police Service and, if so, from where (reported separately by transferred position) and (b) when the Minister expects all 58 positions to be filled permanently?

ANSWER:

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

a) As at 31 May 2025:

- i. The approved permanent strength for the State Flying Squad is 59 positions:
 - 2 x Detective Inspector
 - 2 x Detective Senior Sergeant
 - 7 x Detective Sergeant
 - 41 x Senior Constable / Constable
 - 1 x AO6 Intelligence Officer
 - 2 x AO5 (Communications Officer, Intelligence Officer)
 - 3 x AO4 (Business Support Officer, Communication Support, Intelligence Officer)
 - 1 x AO3 Administration Support officer.
- ii. The actual headcount of officers attached to the State Flying Squad is 31:
 - 1 x Detective Inspector
 - 2 x Detective Senior Sergeant
 - 4 x Detective Sergeant
 - 24 x Senior Constable / Constable
- iii. There were 28 vacancies within the State Flying Squad.
- iv. There are no positions within the State Flying Squad that are filled temporarily.
- v. There are 31 positions permanently filled.

vi. There were no positions allocated to State Flying Squad that were transferred from other organisational units within the QPS.

- b) The QPS Crime and Intelligence Command is prioritising filling these vacancies and all remaining vacancies (sworn and unsworn) have been advertised, with some having already progressed to interview. The QPS is working to fill all vacancies by 31 August 2025.