

Question on Notice
No. 777
Asked on 25 June 2025

DR B O'SHEA ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON D PURDIE)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister confirm (a) whether the 1,600 police personnel referenced in the budget documents are growth positions and (b) if so, where in the budget is the funding provided for these growth positions?

ANSWER:

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

- (a) The 1,600 police personnel referenced in the budget documents relates to additional employees, rather than to additional growth positions. The police service is committed to hiring more police officers for frontline crime work, including 1,600 new police recruits by October 2028.

I am informed by the QPS that between 31 October 2024 and 30 June 2025 the police officer headcount increased by more than 300 officers, from 12,303 to 12,620. I am further informed that QPS workforce projections indicate that police officer headcount is on track to increase by more than 1,600 officers (over and above anticipated attrition) by October 2028.

- (b) I am advised that the 1,600 new recruits planned over coming years are both to fill existing vacancies and to fill new police growth positions which are planned over coming years. Funding for the additional employees is included in the 2025-26 budget.