

Question on Notice
No. 193
Asked on 4 March 2026

MR R KATTER ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON D PURDIE)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline (a) how many sworn officers are stationed at the Mount Isa Police Station, (b) how many positions are currently vacant at the station and (c) if there has been an increase in referrals to PoliceLink due to operational staff shortages?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that the release of divisional data of this kind presents a risk to officer safety and as such, will be withheld at this time to prevent the misuse of this information.

I am further advised by the QPS that the current and future allocation of police resources is determined by the Police Commissioner following a detailed assessment of area growth, safety issues and any new or emerging issues. The Commissioner makes this decision, free of any political interference, which is as it should be. This also ensures a fair and equitable service is provided throughout the state.

I am advised 9 calls were made to Policelink using Blue Phones (direct-dial phones mounted outside the Station, designed to connect users directly with Policelink) between 01/09/2025 -28/02/2026, averaging 1.5 calls per month. 2 calls were received during the same period in 2024/2025. When comparing these periods, calls to 131 444 (Policelink) from Mount Isa Station have reduced.