

Question on Notice
No. 387
Asked on 21 April 2026

MR M BERKMAN ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON D PURDIE)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the new offences prohibiting recital, distribution, publication or display of prohibited expressions—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many full-time equivalent officers and other police staff are currently assigned to policing work, investigations and prosecutions for these offences, (b) how many hours of staff time (either in hours or shifts) have been dedicated to that work since the offences became law, (c) how many individual officers and hours of staff time were dedicated to policing the protests on 11 March and 18 April at which arrests were made and (d) how many individual officers and hours of staff time were dedicated to raiding Dorothy Day house on 20 March 2026?

ANSWER:

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

- (a) & (b) investigations within this crime class are not undertaken by a dedicated unit and may involve officers and staff from frontline policing, investigative and specialist areas, depending on operational requirements and complexity.

I am further advised by the QPS that QPS systems do not record investigative time or resource allocation by reference to specific legislative provisions. Accordingly, QPS is unable to accurately measure the number of police officer and staff hours dedicated to investigating and prosecuting reported contraventions of section 52DA of the *Criminal Code Act 1899*, prohibiting recital, distribution, publication of prohibited expressions.

- (c) & (d) an accurate answer to these questions cannot be provided without a manual examination of hard copy rosters, reconciled against manually retrieved online data from the QPS Intelligence, Tactical and Analysis System (ITAS), which would then require reconciliation against other data sources, prior to being cross-checked against leave takings recorded in Aurion, which is the QPS payroll and Human Resource software.

In addition, the QPS advise it does not release details of police rosters and the specific allocation of police resources to the community because the public release of operational policing information (i.e., methodologies and rostering practices of police personnel) has the potential to compromise officer safety should this information fall into the hands of nefarious actors.