

Question on Notice
No. 1204
Asked on 3 December 2020

MR D LAST ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Queensland Police Service Child Protection Investigation Units—Will the Minister provide a breakdown (by individual year in table format) of the number of (a) sworn police officers employed as of 1 July 2020, and (b) additional sworn police officers to be employed in each of the 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 financial years?

ANSWER:

This Government has committed to the biggest boost to policing in Queensland in three decades. The 2020-21 record police budget supports the rollout of an additional 2,025 police personnel over five years, from 1 July 2020, including 1,450 sworn officers. The additional personnel will not only give the Queensland Police Service (QPS) an enhanced capability to investigate and respond to crime, but also to disrupt and prevent crime.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that of the 1,450 additional police officers to be delivered over five years, at least 50 positions will be allocated to Child Protection Investigation Units (CPIU).

The QPS advises that the recruitment of the additional police officers will be staged over the next five years. As the Member knows, the 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 Police 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.

However, I appreciate the Member's interest in this matter and as such the QPS has advised the number of officers allocated to CPIUs as at 30 June 2020 was 509.