

Question on Notice

No.740

Asked on Thursday, 27 May 2021

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the closure of the Public Safety Business Agency (PSBA)—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many staff have already been transferred to other Queensland Government entities, (b) which entities and in what role were the staff transferred to, (c) how many staff are still to be transferred and when these transfers will be finalised, (d) which entities and in what roles will these staff be transferred to and (e) the number of staff not offered transfers to other Queensland Government entities and their role with PSBA?

ANSWER:

I have been assured that the disestablishment of the Public Safety Business Agency (PSBA) has not resulted in any job losses for PSBA employees.

PSBA staff are hardworking and dedicated, and this Government is bringing them back to their home agencies.

I am advised that Queensland Government Air (QGAir) transitioned to the Queensland Police Service (QPS) on 23 April 2021.

Further, I am informed that 115 approved budgeted FTEs for QGAir, including operational staff such as pilots, engineers, aircrew and administrative staff were transitioned to QPS and that these employees will generally continue to perform roles with the same or similar duties to the roles they performed in the PSBA.

As at 19 June 2021, I am advised that there are 1019 current approved budgeted FTEs, who will officially transition on the date of disestablishment. Further, I am advised that to ensure a seamless transition, many employees have already begun embedding into their new teams in the lead up to disestablishment.

Of the 1019 current approved budgeted FTEs, I am advised 854 will transition to QPS and 165 will transition to Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES). I am advised employees will continue to perform roles with the same or similar duties to the roles they performed in PSBA.

I am advised that these figures are not yet finalised and that changes may occur before disestablishment on 30 June 2021.

In line with the commitment made in the Government's announcement of PSBA's disestablishment on 7 September 2020, I am advised all PSBA employees will transition to either QPS or QFES.