

Question on Notice
No. 1250
Asked on 4 December 2020

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide a breakdown of additional police personnel to be employed in the 2020-21 to 2023-24 financial years (by individual year in table format) of (a) sworn police officers, (b) staff members for communications centres, prosecutions and watch houses, (c) police liaison officers and school-based police support officers and (d) frontline support personnel?

ANSWER:

This Government has committed to the biggest boost to policing in Queensland in three decades. Our 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 police officers and 575 civilian staff members. 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 with regard to the specific allocations for each financial year, these will be determined by the Commissioner of Police. 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.

I am also advised by the QPS that the boundaries for the new policing regions are yet to be finalised. As such the QPS has advised that further details about the allocation of these additional resources will be determined on finalisation. However, I am advised that at least 150 positions will be located in each region and 300 in the Brisbane Region.

In regard to the 575 additional civilian staff members to be delivered over five years from 1 July 2020, I am advised they will be deployed as follows:

- 300 staff members for communications centres, prosecutions and watch houses
- 125 positions to support early intervention initiatives, including police liaison officers and school-based police support officers
- 50 call-takers for a Policelink centre in Townsville
- 100 frontline support personnel to support and enhance the work of the QPS.