

Question taken on Notice
No. 370
Asked on 18 March 2020

Mr D Last asked Premier and Minister for Trade (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

Recently an alleged offender facing charges relating to eight separate offences has been repeatedly granted bail in the Ayr Magistrates Court because police do not have the budget to transport him to and from remand in Townsville. Why is the Premier allowing a lack of police resources, not community safety, to determine whether alleged offenders should be released on bail?

ANSWER:

Transport of remand detainees between the Ayr Magistrates Court and Townsville is provided as required by Townsville District police officers.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service that they have adequate transportation arrangements for managing these matters.