

Question on Notice
No. 848
Asked on 12 May 2016

MR SEENEY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON W BYRNE)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise as at 30 April 2015 the (a) statewide police officer to head of population average, (b) police officer to head of population average for the QPS District servicing the Callide Electorate and (c) police officer to head of population average at each of the police stations servicing the Callide Electorate?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

Information on statewide police officer to population ratio is reported in the Report on Government Services (ROGS). The Member can access this information, when published, on the Productivity Commission website at <http://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services> .

I am advised that the police-to-population ratio is not an accurate indicator of the provision of effective policing. Different divisions have different policing needs and the Queensland Police Service allocates resources accordingly.

The Queensland Police Service continually reviews the allocation of police staffing resources across the state as part of its annual planning and budgetary processes to ensure staffing levels are maintained. This includes assessments of demographic factors, crime trends, historical demand for service and local policing initiatives.

The safety of communities and maintaining the highest level of service delivery remain priorities for the Palaszczuk Government and the Queensland Police Service.