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Objective ID: A169165

Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

Estimates Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, 14 June 2017

Room 5.05, Parliamentary Annexe

Present	Mr Duncan Pegg MP (Chair)
	Mr Michael Crandon MP (Deputy Chair)
	Ms Nikki Boyd MP
	Mr Don Brown MP
	Mr Jon Krause MP
	Mrs Jann Stuckey MP
In attendance	Ms Emily Booth, Acting Committee Secretary
	Ms Mary Westcott, Assistant Committee Secretary

1. Welcome and apologies

The meeting commenced at 10:35am.

2. Members Estimates Manual 2017

Noted

The Members Estimates Manual 2017 was provided to members.

3. Estimates hearing procedures

Noted

A summary of key Estimates hearing procedures was provided to members.

4. Background information

Noted

Organisational charts relevant to the committee's portfolio responsibilities were provided to members.

5. Appropriation Bill 2017

5.1 Attendance of non-committee members

Resolved

That the Chair would write to Mr Dickson MP to seek clarification regarding his correspondence dated 19 April 2017.

Moved: Mr Brown

Seconded: Mr Crandon

5.2 Broadcast of proceedings

Resolved

That the committee adopts the 'Guidelines for camera operators in estimates hearings', as adopted by the Committee of the Legislative Assembly on 17 June 2011, for the committee's 2017 Estimates hearing.

Moved: Mr Brown

Seconded: Mrs Stuckey

5.3 Ministers' use of ancillary materials

Resolved

That Ministers at the Estimates hearing on 20 July 2017 are permitted to use ancillary material that complies with the following:

- the material should not be of a size or nature which could create safety or security issues
- information depicted in the materials should also be presented in documentary or other acceptable form
- advance notice should be given of the nature of ancillary material to be used.

Moved: Mr Brown

Seconded: Mr Krause

5.4 Ministerial opening statements

Resolved

That each Minister may make a brief opening statement of up to five minutes at the beginning of the Minister's examination.

Moved: Mr Brown

Seconded: Mrs Stuckey

5.5 Hearing and reporting dates

Noted

The committee noted its Estimates hearing date (Thursday 20 July 2017) and reporting date (Friday 4 August 2017).

5.6 Draft inquiry timetable

Agreed

That the committee would defer consideration of the draft Estimates inquiry timetable to its meeting on Monday 19 June 2017.

5.7 Draft public hearing timetable

Agreed

That the committee would defer consideration of the draft public hearing timetable to its meeting on Monday 19 June 2017.

6. Other business

Nil

Close

The meeting closed at 10:50am.

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Duncan Pegg MP

Chair

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Objective ID: A175556

Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

Estimates Meeting No. 2

Monday, 19 June 2017, 1:30pm

Committee Room 1, Parliamentary Annexe, Brisbane

Present	Mr Duncan Pegg MP (Chair) Mr Michael Crandon MP (Deputy Chair) Mr Don Brown MP Mr Jon Krause MP (via teleconference)
Apologies	Mrs Nikki Boyd MP Mrs Jann Stuckey MP
In attendance	Ms Emily Booth, Committee Secretary Mrs Ciara Furlong, Assistant Committee Secretary

1. Welcome and apologies

The meeting commenced at 1:30 pm. Mrs Nikki Boyd MP and Mrs Jann Stuckey MP were apologies.

2. Background information

The Committee noted that further background information (i.e. Administrative Arrangements Order (No. 1) <https://www.qld.gov.au/about/how-government-works/government-responsibilities/assets/administrative2017>, pp 13-21, 29-30 was provided to Members.

3. Appropriation Bill 2017

3.1 Members were provided with a draft Estimates inquiry timetable.

Resolved

That the Committee adopts the draft 2017 Estimates inquiry timetable.

Moved: Mr Crandon

Seconded: Mr Brown

3.2 Members were provided with a draft public hearing timetable.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Crandon queried why the Sentencing Advisory Panel did not appear on the public hearing timetable. The Committee agreed to discuss further at the next Estimates 2017 Committee meeting.

Resolved

That the Committee adopts the draft 2017 Estimates public hearing timetable, as amended.

Moved: Mr Crandon

Seconded: Mr Brown

Close The meeting closed at 1:35 pm.

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Mr Duncan Pegg MP

Chair

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Objective ID: A182272

Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

Estimates Meeting No. 3

Tuesday 11 July 2017

Charleville

Present

- Mr Duncan Pegg MP (Chair)
- Mr Michael Crandon MP (Deputy Chair)
- Ms Nikki Boyd MP
- Mr Don Brown MP
- Mr Jon Krause MP
- Mrs Jann Stuckey MP

In attendance Ms Emily Booth, Acting Committee Secretary

1. Welcome and apologies

The meeting commenced at 10:53am.

2. Public hearing

2.1 Attendance of non-committee members

The committee considered correspondence requesting the attendance and participation of non-committee members at its estimates hearing.

Agreed

That the committee hold over its consideration of this item to the next estimates meeting.

2.2 Committee photograph

Noted

A photo will be taken of each committee at the commencement of its estimates hearing. The photo will be published on the website broadcast page. Viewers can then identify members of the committee they're watching using the labelled photo.

3. Timetable

3.1 Inquiry timetable

Agreed

That the committee hold over its consideration of this item to the next estimates meeting.

4 Minutes (pages 5-10)

Resolved

That the minutes of the meetings held on 14 and 19 June 2017 are confirmed as a true and accurate record of those meetings.

Moved: Mr Brown Seconded: Mr Crandon

Close The meeting closed at 11.10am.

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Mr Duncan Pegg MP

Chair

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Objective ID: A181923

Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

Estimates Meeting No. 4

Friday 14 July 2017

Brisbane (via teleconference)

Present

Mr Duncan Pegg MP (Chair)
Mr Michael Crandon MP (Deputy Chair)
Ms Nikki Boyd MP
Mr Don Brown MP
Mr Jon Krause MP
Mrs Jann Stuckey MP

In attendance

Ms Emily Booth, Acting Committee Secretary
Ms Mary Westcott, Assistant Committee Secretary

1. Welcome and apologies

The meeting commenced at 12:53pm.

2. Public hearing

2.1 Attendance of non-committee members

Resolved

That the committee, in accordance with Standing Order 181(e), grants leave for the following members to attend the committee's 2017 Estimates hearing and ask questions:

- Mr Steve Dickson MP
- Mr Tim Nicholls MP
- Mrs Deb Frecklington
- Mr Jeff Seeney MP
- Mr Jarrod Bleijie MP
- Mr Ian Walker MP
- Mr Tim Mander MP
- Mrs Jo-Ann Miller MP

Moved: Mr Crandon

Seconded: Mr Brown

3. Timetable

3.1 Inquiry timetable

The committee noted that statements of reservation and dissenting reports are due on Wednesday, 2 August 2017, at 10.30am.

Resolved

That the committee adopts the revised Estimates inquiry timetable, as set out below.

Moved: Mr Crandon

Seconded: Mr Brown

Date and time	Details
Wednesday 28 June 2017, 12:00pm	Committee members' questions on notice to be provided to the Committee Secretary
Thursday 29 June 2017, 12:00pm (SO 182(1) and (2))	Committee's questions on notice to be sent to the Ministers
Wednesday 19 July 2017, 10:00am (SO 182(3))	Minister to provide to the committee answers to the pre-hearing questions on notice.
Thursday 20 July 2017, 8:30am – 9:00am	Pre-hearing meeting
Thursday 20 July 2017, 9:00am – 7:30pm	Public hearing
Monday 24 July 2017, 3:00pm (SO 183(3)(b))	Answers to questions taken on notice at the hearing to be provided to the committee
Wednesday 26 July 2017	Draft report provided to Chair
Friday 28 July 2017	Chair's draft report circulated to members
Tuesday 1 August 2017, 10:00am	Committee meeting (via teleconference) to consider Chair's draft report
Wednesday 2 August 2017, 10:30am (SO 187(3))	Statements of reservation / dissenting reports to be provided to the Committee Secretary
Friday 4 August 2017 (date set by the House)	Report and volume of additional material to be tabled (SO 189)

4. Pre-hearing question on notice

4.1 Question 6 for the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills

The Department of Justice and Attorney-General sought clarification on the intended periods referred to in Question 6 for the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills.

Mr Crandon explained the dates in question six were a typographical error that would not provide a meaningful response.

Noted

That the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills had been advised of the typographical error in Question 6 of the pre-hearing questions on notice, and requested to provide a response to the following question instead:

I refer to page 49 of the JAG SDS in relation to Crime and Corruption Commission activities and ask –

a. how many complaints were received by the Commission in 2016/17 (broken down by major crime and public sector integrity), how does this compare with 2015/16;

b. how many investigations commenced in 2016/17 and how does this compare with 2015/16; and

c. how many investigations were finalised in 2016/17 and how does this compare with 2015/16?

Close The meeting closed at 1:00pm.

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Mr Duncan Pegg MP

Chair

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Objective ID: A186595

Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

Estimates Meeting No. 5
Thursday 20 July 2017
Room A.35, Parliament House

Present

Mr Duncan Pegg MP (Chair)
Mr Michael Crandon MP (Deputy Chair)
Ms Nikki Boyd MP
Mr Don Brown MP
Mrs Jann Stuckey MP
Ms Verity Barton (for Mr Jon Krause MP)

In attendance

Ms Emily Booth, Acting Committee Secretary
Ms Mary Westcott, Assistant Committee Secretary

1. Welcome and apologies

The meeting commenced at 8:32am.

2. Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meetings held on 11 and 14 July 2017 are confirmed as true and accurate records of those meetings

Moved: Ms Boyd

Seconded: Mr Crandon

3. Attendance of non-committee members

Resolved

That the committee, in accordance with Standing Order 181(e), grants leave for the following members to attend the committee's 2017 Estimates hearing and ask questions:

- Mr Linus Power
- Ms Di Farmer

Moved: Ms Boyd

Seconded: Mr Crandon

4. Questions on notice

The committee noted that responses to pre-hearing questions on notice were emailed to members on Wednesday 19 July 2017 and would be published upon commencement of the hearing.

5. Folder of estimates information

The committee noted the information contained in their estimates folders.

6. Other business

The committee agreed to the following format for the Estimates hearing:

- five minutes for the Ministers to make opening statements at the start of each different portfolio
- 20 minute blocks of government/non-government question time during longer sessions
- 15 minute blocks of government/non-government question time during shorter sessions.

Close The meeting closed at 8:45am.

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Mr Duncan Pegg MP

Chair

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Objective ID: A186666

Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

Estimates Meeting No. 6

Thursday 20 July 2017

Room A.35, Parliament House

Present

Mr Duncan Pegg MP (Chair)
Mr Michael Crandon MP (Deputy Chair)
Ms Nikki Boyd MP
Mr Don Brown MP
Mrs Jann Stuckey MP
Ms Verity Barton (for Mr Jon Krause MP)

In attendance

Ms Mary Westcott, Assistant Committee Secretary

1. Welcome and apologies

The meeting commenced at 6:22pm.

2. Tabled document

Resolved

That the personal details in the document titled 'Notice of rejection of application to issue or renew licence' tabled by the Member for Everton at the committee's estimates hearing be redacted prior to publishing.

Moved: Mr Crandon

Seconded: Mr Brown

3. Other business

Nil.

Close

The meeting closed at 6:23pm.

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Mr Duncan Pegg MP

Chair

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Objective ID: A193847

Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

Estimates Meeting No. 7

Tuesday 1 August 2017

Brisbane, via teleconference

Present

Mr Duncan Pegg MP (Chair)
Mr Michael Crandon MP (Deputy Chair)
Ms Nikki Boyd MP
Mr Don Brown MP

In attendance

Ms Emily Booth, Acting Committee Secretary
Ms Kelli Longworth, Assistant Committee Secretary
Ms Mary Westcott, Assistant Committee Secretary

1. Welcome and apologies

The meeting commenced at 10:02am. Mrs Jann Stuckey MP and Mr Jon Krause MP were apologies.

2. Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meetings held at 8:32am and 6:22pm on 20 July 2017 are confirmed as true and accurate records of those meetings

Moved: Mr Crandon

Seconded: Mr Brown

3. Publication of responses to questions on notice

Resolved

That the committee authorises publication and tabling of the responses received from the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services on 24 and 27 July 2017 to the questions taken on notice at the public hearing, with the documents to be tabled by 12:00pm on 1 August 2017.

Moved: Mr Crandon

Seconded: Ms Boyd

4. Chair's draft report

4.1 Adoption of report

Resolved

That the committee adopts the report titled 'Report No. 60, 55th Parliament, 2017-18 Budget Estimates' as a report of the committee and authorises that it be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

Moved: Mr Brown

Seconded: Mr Crandon

4.2 Statements of reservation / Dissenting reports

The committee noted that statements of reservation / dissenting reports are to be provided to the Acting Committee Secretary by 10:30am on Wednesday 2 August 2017.

4.3 Volume of additional information

Resolved

That the committee tables, with the report, a volume of additional information containing:

- minutes of meetings
- correspondence
- pre-hearing questions taken on notice and responses from Ministers
- questions taken on notice at the hearing and responses from the Minister
- documents tabled at the hearing.

Moved: Mr Crandon

Seconded: Ms Boyd

5. Minutes of final meeting

The committee noted that the Chair and Deputy Chair will authorise the minutes of the final estimates meeting.

6. Other business

6.1 Requests to clarify or correct transcript

Resolved

That the committee authorises publication of the correspondence received from the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services on 26 July 2017 and the Attorney-General on 27 July 2017 regarding the public hearing transcript.

Moved: Mr Crandon

Seconded: Mr Brown

Close The meeting closed at 10:10am.

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Mr Duncan Pegg MP

Chair

Questions on notice and responses

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training



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ESTIMATES 2017 PREHEARING QUESTIONS ON NOTICE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS

Question 1:

I refer to page 11 of Budget Measures in relation to whole-of-government re-prioritisations and ask – Can the Minister provide an itemised breakdown of the \$13.3M re-prioritisation over the forward estimates, including specific reference to programs that have been reduced, delayed or cancelled?

Answer:

The Department of Justice and Attorney-General will save \$13.3 million over the 4 year period 2017-18 to 2020-21 as part of the whole-of-Government reprioritisation program.

\$6.5 million relates to my portfolio responsibilities.

These savings will be achieved through improved procurement and contract management practices and outcomes, efficiencies gained from continual business improvement strategies and improved workforce management and payroll processes.

Specific examples of activities from where savings will be generated, include:

- savings from printing service and photocopying maintenance agreements leveraged from the Whole of Government Print and Imaging as a Services (Plaas);
- the Government is investing \$31.6 million over five years to expand and upgrade existing audio visual capability across the criminal justice system. This technology investment will result in efficiencies in courts processes and reduced costs for transporting adult and young offenders to court;
- further realisation of savings from new electronic rostering system;
- deduction in shared services transaction costs through more efficient use of digital workflow to replace manual paper forms;
- implementation of remand reduction strategies;
- business improvement initiatives such as the usage of electronic seals and digital signatures in the Children's Court, resulting in reduced administrative and printing overheads and improved service delivery to clients.

The reprioritisation allocations will be achieved in a manner consistent with the Government's commitment to public sector employment, with no forced redundancies or voluntary redundancy programs.



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ESTIMATES 2017 PREHEARING QUESTIONS ON NOTICE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS

Question No. 2:

I refer to pages 59 and 106 of Budget Measures in relation to Domestic and Family Violence Courts and ask – Can the Attorney outline the cost to expand this initiative, including capital expenditure, operational expenditure (per site), and when each additional site will be operational?

Answer:

I am very pleased to advise that the Queensland Government has permanently funded the Southport specialist domestic and family violence court (Southport DFV court), and will roll out a specialist approach to four other locations - Beenleigh, Townsville, Mount Isa and Palm Island.

The total whole of government funding package for this roll out is \$69.5 million over four years. This funding will strengthen the justice system's response to domestic and family violence (DFV).

The Department of Justice and Attorney-General's component of the funding package is \$55.1 million over four years (including \$2.9 million for Corrective Services over four years) which represents \$35.1 million in operational funding and \$20 million capital investment. The \$35.1 million operational funding over four years will provide additional Magistrates, court staff, corrections officers, prosecutors, duty lawyers, support services for victims of DFV and programs for perpetrators will be funded in these locations.

The specialist court approach in Townsville will focus on our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander court users and ensure the court approach is culturally appropriate and responds to their needs. DFV circuit courts from Townsville, presided over by a specialist magistrate, will sit in Mount Isa and Palm Island.

The Government is currently investing \$2.69 million, on top of this \$69.5 million investment, to renovate the Southport courthouse to improve the space for court users who attend for DFV matters.

Construction is underway to transform the specialist DFV registry, safe room and video conferencing facilities into a purpose built, client focused, and child friendly area with secure victim entry to the courtrooms.

Construction includes new meeting rooms with adequate sound proofing, essential for parties to meet confidentially with their duty lawyers and support services to talk through their issues and concerns.



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The new Southport court space is expected to be ready in September 2017.

As part of the funding package of \$69.5 million, \$20 million over the next two years (2017–19) is allocated to refurbish the Townsville and Beenleigh Courthouses. These capital works will create new DFV courtrooms, comfortable safety areas for victims of DFV with secure access to the court rooms, a specialist DFV court registry so court officers can help parties with their queries in a quiet environment and sufficient sound proofed meeting rooms for parties to meet with their duty lawyers and support services prior to court.

The roll out of the specialist court in Beenleigh will be staged. In 2017-18, the specialist court will hear civil matters. By 2019-20, the court will be fully integrated and deal with civil and criminal matters, including trials, similar to the Southport DFV court.

The specialist court approach in Townsville and its circuit to Mount Isa will operate from 2017–18, and will manage civil matters. The specialist magistrate circuiting to Palm Island will preside over all civil and criminal matters.

Recognising the need for interpreters in DFV proceedings, the Queensland Government's DFV investment also includes additional funding for State-wide interpreter services.

Additional funding to support the volunteer based DFV meet and greet services in high volume locations State-wide will help our court users navigate services provided at the courthouse.

Vicarious trauma counselling for magistrates and registry staff in high volume locations will also be funded. This will provide support and resilience training for men and women on the front-line, dealing with these complex and difficult matters every day.

The services funding breakdown for the Department of Justice and Attorney-General, Queensland Courts, the judiciary, and Corrective Services by location across four years is: Southport - \$9.9 million; Beenleigh - \$4.6 million; Townsville (including Mount Isa and Palm Island) - \$6 million; State-wide costs (including driving- implementation and state wide services) - \$8.3 million. In addition, Legal Aid Queensland receives \$6.3 million over four years to provide duty lawyer and legal assistance services.



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ESTIMATES 2017 PREHEARING QUESTIONS ON NOTICE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS

Question No. 3:

I refer to page 6 of the JAG SDS in relation to child sexual abuse and with reference to the Issues paper of August 2016 –

- a. how many submissions were received;
- b. when will the government publish a further report into the issues raised as part of this reform process; and
- c. what is the next step in the consideration of these issues?

Answer:

Twenty-one submissions were received in response to the Issues Paper.

As I indicated during debate of the Limitation of Actions (Child Sexual Abuse) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016, stakeholder representation in respect of submissions received on the Issues Paper was limited and, for the Government to understand how the recommendations of the Royal Commission would work in Queensland, further targeted stakeholder consultation was required.

That further targeted consultation has recently concluded, including with: church and educational institutions; sporting and social organisations; and childcare providers.

The Government is now considering its position on these issues and next steps in light of the submissions received and the further targeted consultation.



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Question No. 4:

I refer to page 12 of the JAG SDS in relation to establishing an independent Crime Statistical Body and ask – What funding has been allocated towards this initiative in 2017/18, how much funding has been spent in 2015/16 and 2016/17 and when will the body be established?

Answer:

Currently the Queensland Government has committed \$2.7 million in 2017–18 to establish an independent crime statistical body.

The Department of Justice and Attorney-General (DJAG) has spent \$0 in 2015-16 and \$31,485 as at 31 May 2017 in 2016-17 researching and recommending a preferred model for a Crime Statistics Body.

It is expected that an announcement will be made shortly in relation to the establishment of the body.



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Question No. 5:

I refer to page 16 of the JAG SDS regarding liquor, gaming and fair trading and ask –

- a. what is the budget for the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation for 2017/18, broken down across the forward estimates;
- b. how much money was allocated and spent on promoting responsible service of alcohol in 2016/17 and how much is allocated for 2017/18;
- c. how many FTE OLGR inspectors were in place for 2016/17 and what is the FTE allocation for 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 (reported separately); and
- d. how much funding was distributed to Safe Night Precinct Committees in 2017/18, broken down by Committee?

Answer:

- a. The budget for the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation for 2017-18 is \$29,981,900; for 2018-19 \$28,257,900; for 2019-20 \$29,057,300; and for 2020-21 \$29,057,300.
- b. The Liquor, Gaming and Fair Trading Division spent \$143,744 on promoting responsible service of alcohol in 2016/17 and has allocated a budget of \$145,750 in 2017/18. The budget allocation for 2016-17 was \$11,885.
- c. The Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation has compliance officers in 14 locations across the State undertaking activities under liquor and gaming legislation administered by the Office. Compliance officer FTEs for 2016/17 were 114. FTEs for 2017/18 are 114, 2018/19 are 101 and 2019/20 are 101.
- d. The department cannot advise how much was distributed for 2017-18 as the financial year only commenced at the beginning of this month. However, a budget of \$2.67 million has been allocated for the Safe Night Precinct Committees.



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Question No. 6:

I refer to page 49 of the JAG SDS in relation to Crime and Corruption Commission activities and ask –

- a. how many complaints were received by the Commission in 2016/17 (broken down by major crime and public sector integrity), how does this compare with 2015/16;
- b. how many investigations commenced in 2016/17 and how does this compare with 2015/16; and
- c. how many investigations were finalised in 2016/17 and how does this compare with 2015/16?

Answer:

a. Complaints received by the Commission in 2015–16

- i. As per section 25 of the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001*, all major crime investigations conducted by the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC) are undertaken pursuant to a referral by the Crime Reference Committee (not as a result of complaints made by members of the public or other parties).
- ii. In 2015–16, a total of 2,674 complaints relating to public sector integrity were received by the CCC.

How does this compare with 2016–17?

- iii. Not applicable.
- iv. In 2016–17, a total of 3,041 complaints relating to public sector integrity were received by the CCC.

b. Investigations commenced in 2015–16

- i. In 2015–16, a total of 55 major crime investigations were commenced.
- ii. In 2015–16, a total of 73 corruption investigations were commenced.

How does this compare with 2016–17?

- iii. In 2016–17, the CCC commenced 58 major crime investigations.

iv. In 2016–17, the CCC commenced 72 corruption investigations.

c. Investigations finalised in 2015–16

i. In 2015–16, the CCC finalised 59 major crime investigations.

ii. In 2015–16, the CCC finalised 57 corruption investigations.

How does this compare with 2016–17?

iii. In 2016–17, the CCC finalised 48 major crime investigations.

iv. In 2016–17, the CCC finalised 71 corruption investigations.



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Question No. 7:

I refer to page 41 of Budget Measures in relation to regional skills investment and ask – Can the Minister outline where the \$9M to fund this program is being re-allocated from, including specific reference to programs or expenses which have been underspent, or are being delayed, reduced or cancelled?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the question.

The Regional Skills Investment Strategy will see the Department of Education and Training in consultation with Jobs Queensland, partnering with selected regional communities to identify current and emerging jobs to ensure a supply of skilled local people to meet this demand.

The strategy will be funded from the existing Jobs Queensland budget over the next four years.

There are no programs that were underspent or that will be delayed, reduced or cancelled, as a result of this decision.

The term re-allocated has been used to reflect that funding will be managed by the Department of Education and Training (DET), with Jobs Queensland providing strategic advice to inform implementation of the strategy.

The Regional Skills Investment Strategy will actively address the recommendations from a number of Jobs Queensland workforce planning activities—such as Tourism, and regional planning in Ipswich, Fraser Coast and Townsville—by fostering local partnerships that tailor training funding under the Annual VET Investment Plan, to skills needs and jobs in regional Queensland.



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Question No. 8:

I refer to page 11 of the Education and Training SDS in relation to Jobs Queensland and ask—

- a. How much funding was spent in 2016/17 on this initiative;
- b. What was the funding spent on, including accommodation costs, staffing, consultants and advertising; and
- c. what was the expense underspend from 2015/16 and 2016/17 re-allocated towards?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the question.

The *Jobs Queensland Act 2015* commenced on 4 January 2016. This enabled the establishment of Jobs Queensland as an independent statutory entity providing strategic advice to Government on anticipating skills demand, future workforce planning and the apprenticeships and traineeships system in Queensland.

Funding of \$40 million was allocated for Jobs Queensland over four years from 2015–16.

The estimated actual expenditure for 2016–17 is \$3 million. This expenditure relates to research and project delivery, industry engagement, workforce planning expenditure, governance and appointment costs of the Jobs Queensland members and the secretariat operating costs.

The balance of the underspend in 2015–16 and 2016–17 has been allocated to future years for Jobs Queensland to deliver a range of activities, including supporting the Department of Education and Training to deliver the \$9 million Regional Skills Investment Strategy.



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ESTIMATES 2017 PREHEARING QUESTIONS ON NOTICE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS

Question No. 9:

I refer to page 4 of the Education and Training SDS in relation to investing in TAFE Queensland to be a premium public provider of VET, or 'rescuing TAFE' and ask – What was the allocation for 2016/17, how much of this was spent in 2016/17 and what is the allocation for 2017/18?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to TAFE Queensland's role as a premium public training provider and implementing initiatives focused on high quality training and skills delivery in Queensland.

Under the Rescuing TAFE commitment, the Queensland Government has established a fully independent Queensland Training Ombudsman with the power to investigate complaints and provide a supportive pathway for consumers to navigate the training sector, and is also implementing the Training in Emerging Innovative Industries Fund.

The Rescuing TAFE election commitment has seen \$34 million invested over three years, with \$22.840 million allocated to TAFE Queensland.

In 2016–17, the allocation for TAFE Queensland under Rescuing TAFE was \$13.134 million. These funds are provided to TAFE Queensland under the Rescuing TAFE agreement with the Department of Education and Training.

The 2017–18 allocation of \$5.65 million represents the finalisation and balance of the current program.

Specifically, Rescuing TAFE funding continues to enable TAFE Queensland to deliver:

- additional student support services;
- foundation skills courses for disadvantaged learners;
- second-chance training opportunities;
- additional Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Schools courses; and
- expanded and improved regional support programs.

This Government is continuing to support the long-term success of TAFE Queensland. A key component of the Annual VET Investment Plan is annual grants to public providers to support their operation in the demand-driven VET system.



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Question No. 10:

I refer to page 46 of the Education and Training SDS in relation to TAFE and ask –

- a. what were the student enrolment numbers, per campus for 2016/17 and
- b. what were the utilisation rates, per campus for 2016/17?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the question.

The Queensland Government is committed to TAFE Queensland being restored as a premium provider of vocational education and training. A part of this is ensuring TAFE Queensland has access to facilities that support its training delivery.

TAFE Queensland has advised student enrolment data and current usage per physical campus outlined in Attachment 1.

Brisbane Region (Including SkillsTech)

Student Enrolments		
Site	2016–17	Campus usage
Acacia Ridge	9,258	100%
Alexandra Hills	1,299	67%
Eagle Farm	4,251	75%
Grovely	572	100%
Mt Gravatt	1,683	81%
Southbank	17,801	100%
Bracken Ridge	5,180	100%
Caboolture	1,897	100%
Redcliffe	299	100%
Browns Plains	251	100%
Loganlea	3,342	77
Yeerongpilly (Leased)	122	100%
Total	49,955	

Gold Coast Region

Student Enrolments		
Site	2016–17	Campus Usage
Ashmore	3,945	100%
Coolangatta	40	50%
Coomera	1,188	100%
Southport	8,452	100%
Coomera Marine Precinct	64	100%
Total	13,689	

South West Region

Student Enrolments		
Site	2016–17	Campus Usage
Bundamba	2,010	100%
Inala	577	100%
Kingaroy	682	67%
Nurunderi (Cherbourg)	143	100%
Chinchilla	843	100%
Roma	519	100%
Toowoomba	4,033	100%
Warwick	732	61%
Springfield (Leased)	402	100%
Dalby (Leased)	348	100%
Total	10,289	

North Queensland Region

Student Enrolments		
Site	2016–17	Campus Usage
Cairns	5,605	100%
Great Barrier Reef International Marine Centre	1,098	100%
Mt Isa	749	86%
Normanton	6	100%
Thursday Island	384	100%
Bohle	1,729	100%
Burdekin	343	77%
Ingham	43	87%
Pimlico	2,098	49%
Bowen	120	67%
Cannonvale	162	100%
Atherton (Leased)	165	100%
Mareeba (Leased)	540	100%
Cloncurry*(Leased)	-	100%
Innisfail (Leased)	211	100%
Total	13,369	
*Denotes Adult Migrant English Program/Skills for Education and Employment program delivery.		

East Coast Region

Student Enrolments		
Site	2016–17	Campus Usage
Bundaberg	1,470	55%
Gympie	492	93%
Hervey Bay	1,130	71%
Maryborough	248	100%
Maroochydore	733	100%
Mooloolaba	3,093	100%
Nambour	2,050	80%
Total	9,177	



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Question No. 11:

In relation to page 86 of the Service Delivery Statement, could the Attorney-General outline how the introduction of the electronic real-time donation disclosure system is adding to the Palaszczuk Government's transparency and integrity measures?

Answer:

The Palaszczuk Government is leading the way in disclosing details about how and when political donations are made.

The introduction of a real-time online disclosure system for political donations on 23 February 2017 has enhanced the integrity and transparency of the electoral gift disclosure regime in Queensland.

Instead of waiting more than six months to see who is donating to a political party, that information can now be accessed within seven days.

Now, when voters go to the ballot box, they will be fully informed about who is donating to which candidates and registered political parties, and how much they're donating.

The introduction of the electronic real-time donation disclosure system in Queensland, together with the Palaszczuk Government's decision to decrease the donation disclosure threshold from \$12,800 to \$1,000 means Queensland has some of the most progressive, open and transparent political donation laws in the country.



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Question No. 12:

In relation to page 4 of the Service Delivery Statement, could the Attorney-General provide an update on the specialist domestic and family violence court expansion?

Answer:

I am very pleased to advise that the Southport specialist domestic and family violence court (Southport DFV court) is permanently funded, and the Queensland Government will roll out a specialist DFV court approach in four other locations - Beenleigh, Townsville, Mount Isa and Palm Island.

In choosing these locations, two major factors were considered: identifying the courts with the highest volume of DFV matters; and identifying those courts that deal with our most disadvantaged Queenslanders.

As part of the 2017-18 budget outcomes, the Queensland Government will invest \$69.5 million over four years for this DFV package. This funding includes capital works to refurbish the Beenleigh and Townsville courthouses so they are better equipped to cater for the safety needs of victims of DFV and provide adequate court and meeting rooms to deal with DFV related matters.

The Queensland Government is also investing \$2.69 million, on top of the \$69.5 million investment, to renovate the Southport courthouse to improve the space for our court users who attend for DFV matters.

This significant funding investment implements recommendations of the Special Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland that call for a specialist court approach to deal with DFV matters.

Our specialist court approach includes:

- specialist magistrates and prosecutors who have a high degree of knowledge and experience of the complex legal framework underpinning DFV and how to apply those laws to people in need of help;
- responsive court registry staff;
- wrap-around specialist support services; and
- duty lawyers who provide both advice and representation in court for every person who attends.



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The specialist domestic and family violence court trial at Southport (the trial) tested this approach, and ran for 22 months, from 1 September 2015 to 30 June 2017.

The Queensland Government committed to evaluating the trial to ensure the model for expansion is based on best practice. I tabled Griffith Criminology Institute's Evaluation of the Specialist Domestic and Family Violence Court Trial in Southport – Summary and Final Reports (the evaluation) in Parliament on 13 June 2017. The evaluation is available on the Queensland Courts website at:

<http://www.courts.qld.gov.au/courts/domestic-and-family-violence-court>.

The evaluation assessed the effectiveness of the court process and the levels of collaboration across agencies, safety for victims and their satisfaction with the court process, and how the court provides information to parties and affords access to justice. The evaluation also considered how the specialist court model may be applied to diverse communities, assessed the cost-effectiveness of the court model and the applicability of the model across the State.

The evaluation found that the Southport DFV court, when compared to the traditional court approach at the Ipswich courthouse, showed that the specialist court had higher ratings of satisfaction by victims, higher levels of understanding of court outcomes for both victims and perpetrators, and higher perceptions that offenders were being held accountable.

In summary, the evaluation found specialisation provides a way of managing the complexity of DFV matters in court, as well as providing a client focused service to victims and perpetrators.

The evaluation results informed the decision to make the Southport DFV court permanent, and expand over four years in the four other locations to provide coverage of 28% of DFV civil and criminal matters in magistrates courts State-wide.



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Question No. 13:

With reference to page 4 of the Service Delivery Statement, will the Attorney-General please provide an update on upgrades to courthouse infrastructure and facilities across the state?

Answer:

\$20 million over two years for capital works at Townsville and Beenleigh courthouses to support the rollout of specialist domestic and family violence courts in Queensland:

- The \$9 million Townsville Courthouse specialist domestic and family violence refurbishment is a complex staged project, occurring over two levels of the courthouse.
 - Design work is underway and scheduled to complete in November 2017.
 - Construction is planned to start early 2018.
- The \$11 million Beenleigh Courthouse specialist domestic and family violence refurbishment is also a complex staged project, to occur over three levels of the courthouse.
 - Design work is underway and scheduled to complete in March 2018.
 - Construction is planned to start mid-2018.

\$16 million over two years to upgrade and maintain courthouse infrastructure across Queensland, including increased funding of \$7.5 million for repair work at the Rockhampton courthouse:

- Funding provided for the upgrade and maintenance of courthouse infrastructure across Queensland will provide improved and additional:
 - courtrooms and interview rooms;
 - domestic and family violence facilities;
 - courtroom dock security;
 - access and support for people with disability;
 - security for the public, victims of crime, staff and the judiciary;
 - workplace health and safety standards;
 - continue renovations to the Southport courthouse to improve the space for our court users who attend for DFV matters; and



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- an additional \$7.5 million has been allocated to the Rockhampton Courthouse to address water ingress issues.

\$31.6 million over five years (\$6.3 million for 2021-22) reducing to \$4.2 million per annum, ongoing from 2022-23, to expand and upgrade existing audio visual capability in the criminal justice system.

The \$31.6 million additional funding over the five years is in addition to the existing funding of \$5.9M provided over the five years for maintaining audio visual (AV) equipment. This brings the total funding for AV equipment to \$37.5 million over the next five years.

\$500,000 in 2017–18 to provide facilities to reinstate the Drug Court:

- This funding is committed to enable establishment of the Drug Court in level 4, Brisbane Magistrates Court.
- Completion is expected by early October 2017.

\$0.9 million as part of the \$16.9 million in 2017–18 to relocate the Brisbane Children's Court Registry as part the capital works program for the transition of 17 year olds into the youth justice system.

The DJAG capital works program also includes \$4.3 million in 2017-18 as part of a \$5.3 million upgrade to the Kingaroy Courthouse.



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Question No. 14:

With reference to page 16 of the Service Delivery Statement, could the Attorney-General please provide an update on the implementation of the Palaszczuk Government's strategy to tackle alcohol-fuelled violence?

Answer:

Under its Tackling Alcohol-Fuelled Violence Policy the Palaszczuk Government is committed to implementing an evidence based policy framework to reduce alcohol-fuelled violence in and around licensed premises in Queensland. On 1 July 2016, the *Tackling Alcohol-Fuelled Violence Legislation Amendment Act 2016* amended the *Liquor Act 1992* with a focus on reducing late-night liquor service hours to 2am State-wide and 3am in safe night precincts (SNPs), in acknowledgement of the extensive body of national and international research indicating that reducing late-night liquor service hours significantly decreases alcohol related assaults.

In response to the *Six month evaluation report on the Tackling Alcohol-Fuelled Violence Policy* published in January 2017, the Government announced further changes to the *Tackling Alcohol-Fuelled Violence Policy* via the *Liquor and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2017*. These changes included enhancing the rigour of the temporary late-night extended hours permit framework, extending the power of courts to issue banning orders to persons convicted of certain drug offences, and retrospectively repealing the statutory 1am lock out. Further, the operation and enforcement of mandatory ID scanners commenced successfully on 1 July 2017 in SNPs, the Queensland Police Service confirming seven offenders identified contravening banning orders on the first night.

My Director-General and I visited some of Brisbane's safe night precincts on Friday 7 July 2017 to observe the ID scanner implementation, including meeting with industry representatives.

By targeting elements of the drinking culture that encourage dangerous or irresponsible behaviour, and fostering the growth of a vibrant and diverse night time economy that includes, but does not revolve solely around liquor, the Palaszczuk Government is delivering on its commitment to tackle alcohol-fuelled violence in our communities.



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Question No. 15:

With reference to page 5 of the Service Delivery Statement, could the Attorney-General please provide an update on key statistics of domestic violence offences, particularly people charged with strangulation offences?

Answer:

Strangulation Offences

The Government strengthened the criminal law response to domestic and family violence through legislative reform on 5 May 2016 with the commencement of the offence for choking, suffocation or strangulation in a domestic setting. The new offence of strangulation is contained in section 315A of the *Criminal Code Act 1899*.

In the 13 months since the commencement of the new offence, as at 31 May 2017, 851 charges had been lodged in Magistrates Court in relation to 778 defendants.

Of those 851 charges, 163 charges have been presented on indictment (in relation to 125 of the 778 defendants) in the District Court.

So far, 41 defendants have been convicted on 49 strangulation charges.

Domestic Violence Offences

From 1 December 2015 to 30 June 2016, 6,113 charges were recorded with a notation that identified the offence occurred in a domestic violence context. From 1 July 2016 to 31 May 2017 the number of charges registered was 11,196.



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Question No. 16:

With reference to page 12 of the Service Delivery Statement, could the Attorney-General please outline some of the Palaszczuk Government's law reform achievements for LGBTI Queenslanders?

Answer:

The Palaszczuk Government has achieved a number of significant law reform milestones for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) Queenslanders.

The *Relationships (Civil Partnerships) and Other Acts Amendment Act 2015* commenced on 22 March 2016. This legislation delivered on the Palaszczuk Government's commitment to reinstate civil partnership ceremonies by enabling adult couples, regardless of their gender, to hold a ceremony prior to registering their relationship as a civil partnership.

The legislation supports equality and dignity of couples by providing legal recognition of the relationships of couples who are not married, and provide them with the ability to have a formal ceremony to celebrate their relationship.

This Government implemented recommendations of a panel of health experts that found that standardising the age of consent for all sexual activity would improve health outcomes for all young Queenslanders, regardless of their sexuality.

The *Health and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2016*, which commenced on 23 September 2016, effectively standardised the age of consent for all lawful sexual intercourse to 16 years, making Queensland's age of consent laws more consistent with every other Australian jurisdiction.

This was achieved by amending the Criminal Code to omit the offence of sodomy, and making further consequential amendments to ensure that the concept of carnal knowledge used in the Code is extended to include anal intercourse. The effect of these amendments was to remove a long-standing source of discrimination, particularly against the LGBTI community.



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On 21 March 2017, the Queensland Parliament passed legislation which removes the so-called “gay panic” defence from the Criminal Code, honouring a Palaszczuk Government election commitment.

Commencing operation on 30 March 2017, the *Criminal Law Amendment Act 2017* amended section 304 of the Code, removing unwanted sexual advance as a partial defence of provocation for murder. In the past, unwanted sexual advance could be used as a partial defence, leading to a murder charge being reduced to manslaughter.

This amendment addresses a longstanding inequality in the law and sends an important message that discrimination against the LGBTI community is unacceptable.

Finally, on 11 May 2017, the Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and Minister for the Arts moved an apology in the Legislative Assembly for those affected by historical homosexual convictions. On the same day, I introduced the Criminal Law (Historical Homosexual Convictions Expungement) Bill 2017 (the Bill) to provide for the expungement of historical homosexual convictions.

The Bill will provide for an administrative scheme where an eligible individual convicted of, or charged with, an eligible offence will be able to apply to the Director-General of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General to have the conviction or charge expunged.

That Bill has now been referred to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee for its consideration. The Committee is required to provide its report on the Bill to the House by 14 July 2017. Accordingly, the rule against anticipation prevents me from providing further information and discussing the Bill before the House.



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Question No. 17:

In relation to page 11 of the Service Delivery Statement, can the Minister please provide details on the progress of the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the question.

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) represents a significant investment of \$240 million over four years to support up to 32,000 Queenslanders into work, through a suite of targeted skills and training programs.

The initiative is focused on developing skills for individuals and providing direct assistance to those Queenslanders who require support to gain the qualifications and skills needed to enter and stay in the workforce.

Since the reinstatement of SQW, \$168.9 million has been committed to assist up to 35,158 disadvantaged Queenslanders across the state with nationally recognised training, skills development, jobs and to reward private sector employers. This includes: 942 community-driven projects worth \$158.1 million to assist up to 34,478 people; \$7 million allocated across 68 local councils to create 560 additional traineeships; \$2.4 million allocated across 49 not-for-profit organisations to create 120 additional traineeships; and \$1.4 million paid to private sector employers for employing former SQW participants as trainees or apprentices.

As at 30 June 2017, 14,121 people have exited a SQW program with 9026 gaining jobs from participating in SQW. In addition, of those participants who have exited a SQW program, 2288 have gone onto further training and 345 have returned to school.

SQW continues to assist those Queenslanders who need it most – 61% are youth aged 15–24 years; 19% are from a culturally and linguistically diverse background; 17% are Indigenous; 51% are long-term unemployed; 15% are underemployed or low-skilled workers; 12% are people with disability; and 14% are mature age 45 years and over.

As identified in the Service Delivery Statements for the Department of Education and Training, SQW continues to skill Queenslanders to participate in the economy and broader community.

In 2016–17, a total of \$74.7 million was committed through SQW to assist up to 13,716 disadvantaged Queenslanders across the state with national recognised training, skills development and jobs and to reward private sector employers. This includes: 367 community-driven projects worth \$67.2 million to assist up to 13,296 people; \$3.7 million allocated across 58 local councils to create 300 additional traineeships; \$2.4 million allocated across 49 not-for-profit organisations to create 120 additional traineeships; and \$1.4 million paid to private sector employers for employing former SQW participants as trainees or apprentices.

For the 2016–17 financial year, 7213 people have been assisted so far under SQW with 2745 gaining jobs from participating in SQW.

Interest and demand from the community sector to help us deliver SQW is still high. The first funding round for 2017–18 closed on 6 April 2017, with 378 applications received worth \$72.8 million exceeding the annual budget. The results of this funding round will be announced shortly.



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Question No. 18:

With reference to page 11 of the Service Delivery Statement, can the Minister please provide details regarding Commonwealth funds for Training and Skills and the impact this will have for Queenslanders?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the question.

The five-year National Partnership Agreement on Skills Reform expired on 30 June 2017. Australians had to wait until the evening of the Federal Budget on 9 May 2017 to learn this agreement would not be extended. Instead, from 1 July 2017, it was superseded by a new Skilling Australians Fund (SAF).

The SAF offers up to \$1.5 billion over four years, including \$350 million nationally in 2017–18. For Queensland, this is a \$40 million reduction in training funding in 2017–18 compared with 2016–17.

States and territories are continuing to discuss the details of the new arrangements with Australian Government officials, with skills ministers keen to consider a genuine and sustainable partnership as soon as possible, to ensure certainty for the vocational education and training (VET) sector, including funding for public providers.

Funding under the SAF depends on revenue generated from a proposed new skilled migrant employer levy which is subject to passage of legislation. Revenue beyond 2018–19 is not guaranteed and is contingent on how many skilled visas are issued by the Australian Government.

States and territories will have to bid to deliver projects focused on apprenticeships and traineeships, with matched funding and payments in arrears. States and territories are also required to commit to maintaining skills funding overall, with SAF funds at risk if broader funding benchmarks are not met, even where all project milestones are met.

The ongoing uncertainty makes planning for key Queensland programs under the 2017–18 Annual VET Investment Plan difficult. This is on top of the continued reputational damage and loss of public confidence in the VET system because of the Australian Government’s mismanaged VET FEE-HELP scheme, and the latest provider closures under the replacement VET Student Loans program.

Despite this, the Palaszczuk Government continues to demonstrate its commitment to a strong training and skills sector through increased funding and a willingness to hear from stakeholders on ways to improve our arrangements. In 2017–18, state contributions to VET has grown by more than \$38.4 million compared to 2016–17. In addition, Queenslanders were able to have their say on VET arrangements during consultation on the draft *Advancing Skills for the future: a strategy for vocational education and training in Queensland*, released in February 2017. The Queensland Government is considering feedback and ideas from the consultation which will inform development of the final VET strategy.



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Question No. 19:

Can the Minister please outline the success of the Training Ombudsman in ensuring a high quality of VET in Queensland, with reference to page 21 of the Service Delivery Statement?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government's 'Rescuing TAFE' commitment included establishing the independent Queensland Training Ombudsman to not only provide Queenslanders with access to assistance in navigating issues of concern in relation to the vocational education and training sector, but also to identify systemic issues within the sector and provide advice to Government.

The Queensland Training Ombudsman has a strong focus on the quality of vocational education and training (VET), and is committed to implementing a range of oversight and compliance measures that ensure the effectiveness of training in Queensland.

To enable the Queensland Training Ombudsman to assist Queenslanders, Memoranda of Understanding and Information Sharing Agreements have been entered into with key VET stakeholders to ensure cross collaboration in resolving issues.

I am pleased to advise the Committee of the significant results the Queensland Training Ombudsman has achieved since commencement. As at 30 June 2017, the Training Ombudsman has:

- received 637 complaints – of these, 594 have been finalised, with students continuing to study, apprentices continuing their apprenticeships and a 78% satisfaction rate regarding outcomes;
- achieved a total of \$401,305 in fee refunds or waivers for students following intervention;
- responded to 124 formal enquiries relating to training issues and/or helping people to navigate the complex VET system;

- delivered presentations to over 1190 stakeholders across Queensland, reinforcing that addressing quality and perceptions of quality, is the key to ensuring we have a VET system in Queensland that provides a link between the aspirations of individuals and the opportunities created by employers, industry and communities;
- reviewed and provided a report on the quality of training to electrical apprentices;
- reviewed and provided a report on the quality of training and assessment in the security industry. The report recommendations are currently being considered for implementation; and
- commenced a review into the quality of outcomes delivered through group training arrangements.

With regard to these outcomes, the Queensland Training Ombudsman also publishes quarterly performance data on the website (www.trainingombudsman.qld.gov.au).

Stakeholders have embraced the value of the Queensland Training Ombudsman and regularly provide positive feedback on the role and functions of the Office. This positive feedback comes from across the VET sector, including: registered training organisations; and students and employers who have benefited from the Queensland Training Ombudsman's assistance and resolution of issues.



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Question No. 20:

In relation to page 11 of the Service Delivery Statement, after the devastating effects from Cyclone Debbie and flooding, can the Minister please outline actions taken to assist with the recovery efforts?

Answer:

I thank the Committee for the question.

Severe Tropical Cyclone (STC) Debbie crossed the Queensland coast at Airlie Beach and Hamilton Island on Tuesday, 28 March 2017, causing widespread damage. STC Debbie rapidly weakened into a tropical low by 29 March 2017 but continued to travel south, causing significant damage and flooding across northern, central and south east Queensland regions.

The first round of ready reserves from the Department of Justice and Attorney-General (DJAG) were deployed on 29 March 2017 and a total of 51 DJAG staff from within my portfolio were deployed until 15 May 2017, the majority for periods of five days each. A further three staff were rostered to provide support services for the State Disaster Coordination Centre.

DJAG staff have always been very responsive to the call for help. Within my portfolio as at 2 March 2017, prior to STC Debbie, there were 76 ready reservists registered, which increased to 161 registered reservists as at 16 June 2017.

DJAG staff in north Queensland worked with district and local disaster management groups to ensure communities were prepared and then assisted in recovery efforts. This included making Bowen Courthouse available for use as an evacuation centre and by Australian Defence Force personnel responding to the disaster.

Some of our facilities were affected by STC Debbie, most notably the Proserpine and Bowen courthouses. From the first day that access was available, the Department of Housing and Public Works' Building and Asset Services (BAS) commenced Rapid Damage Assessments (RDAs) on each of our sites within the impacted area to determine the extent of any damage and hazards. BAS had all RDAs completed as soon as possible within the first three days following access and BAS kept the department informed throughout the assessment and repair process.

Residents in flood and cyclone-affected areas across Queensland were able to access free legal information and advice relevant to their circumstances from Legal Aid Queensland. The department also provided valuable warnings to residents to avoid dodgy door-to-door traders targeting affected areas.



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On 5 April 2017, I approved the activation of a natural disaster recovery package under *Skilling Queenslanders for Work* (SQW), to assist with the clean-up and rebuilding program required across Queensland, as a result of widespread damage and severe flooding caused by ex-Tropical Cyclone Debbie.

The SQW Community Recovery package has been activated in all areas of Queensland impacted by ex-Tropical Cyclone Debbie. As part of the SQW Community Recovery package, immediate job opportunities are available for local job seekers and displaced workers in disaster affected communities through the two direct job creation programs available under SQW — Work Skills Traineeships and First Start.

To date, \$6,895,300 has been committed under the SQW Community Recovery Package to create 359 job opportunities. This consists of:

- 12 Work Skills Traineeship projects worth \$6,220,300 to create 305 jobs for up to six months; and
- \$675,000 allocated across 16 local councils to employ 54 additional First Start trainees for 12 months.

All Work Skills Traineeships projects and councils funded under SQW Community Recovery are located in council areas approved by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority for Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements funding.

The notional budget allocation for the SQW Community Recovery Package is \$10 million with 69% committed so far.

Work Skills Traineeships provide paid employment opportunities for up to six months on community, public works or environmental projects. Participants undertake a Work Skills Traineeship (Certificate I in Business, Construction or Conservation and Land Management) that integrates vocational skills with on-the-job training. The program leaves a visible and lasting impact on social and public infrastructure in a local community.

Nine of the Work Skills Traineeships projects have already commenced. This means that valuable jobs have been created in Gladstone, Rockhampton, Laidley, Beaudesert, Logan, Chambers Flat and Mackay, enabling local residents to participate in the re-building of their communities as well as earn much needed income.

First Start provides wage subsidies to local councils to employ additional trainees. The program offers opportunities to young people and disadvantaged job seekers, including displaced workers, to gain nationally recognised qualifications and 12 months' employment by undertaking a traineeship.

In partnership with the Queensland Government, the Local Government Association of Queensland coordinated a bidding process for additional First Start traineeship positions under the SQW Community Recovery Package. An undertaking has been given to the local councils that they can recruit for these positions to suit their workforce needs, as past experience has shown that



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additional traineeship positions may not be beneficial as an immediate response, but required further into the recovery process.

SQW has previously been used to respond quickly to natural disasters, emerging economic needs and industry crises – at both local and State levels. For example, through SQW, the Queensland Government previously responded to the widespread damage caused by the 2011 Queensland floods and ex-Tropical Cyclone Yasi.

The annual budget for SQW in 2016–17 is fully committed. Any additional funding required for the SQW Community Recovery package will be sourced from the existing Training and Skills divisional budget.

Funding for the SQW Community Recovery Package will continue to be available in 2017–18 for communities that still require support to get back on their feet.

Not-for-profit community-based organisations and councils are being encouraged to contact the department to discuss any ongoing clean-up and rebuilding activities required in their communities.

Questions on notice and responses

*Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for
Corrective Services*

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QUESTION NO. 1**

QUESTION:

With reference to pages 16 and 37 of the SDS in relation to staffing costs – Can the Minister confirm how many FTE firefighters and police officers were employed as at 30 June 2017 (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

I am advised by Queensland Fire and Emergency Services that, as at 30 June 2017, the paid firefighting FTE was 2,537.2. This includes Firefighters, Station Officers, Auxiliaries, Commissioners, Rural Firefighters and Senior Officers.

I am advised by Queensland Police Service that, as at 30 June 2017, the total police officer FTE was 11,719.3. This total FTE includes police who were on leave without pay on that date.

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QUESTION NO. 2

QUESTION:

With reference to pages 15 of the SDS regarding total capital purchases – Can the Minister outline details of the \$26.285M capital underspend for 2016/17, with itemised reference to specific projects that were reduced, underspent, delayed or cancelled?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that in 2016-17, it is estimated the QPS will invest \$18.41 million in capital acquisitions.

This is \$26.29 million below the 2016-17 adjusted budget of \$44.696 million.

I am informed that \$13.129 million of the variation between the estimated actual and adjusted budget is due to funds being transferred to the PSBA capital budget from the QPS capital budget to fund additional projects the PSBA is undertaking on behalf of the QPS. This included additional capital works, land acquisitions, vehicle upgrades and information technology systems.

QPS advise that a further \$1.773 million of the variation relates to budget adjustments made in 2016-17, mainly an equity to income swap to fund the QPS TASER upgrade and replacement program.

Equipment and systems sourcing difficulties and the re-evaluation and re-specification of a number of QPS projects is expected to mean that an estimated \$11.383 million of the funds provided in the 2016-17 capital budget was deferred for these projects to the 2017-18 year. QPS advise that this includes:

- \$4.300 million for technology and facilities upgrades at police communications centres;
- \$2.73 million for the camera detected offences program;
- \$1.308 million for redevelopment and implementation of the police complaints management system;
- \$1.045 million for State Crime Command programs;
- \$700,000 for relocation of the Queensland Police Memorial; and
- \$1.3 million for other QPS capital projects and programs.

I am advised that no projects have been reduced or cancelled.

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QUESTION NO. 3**

QUESTION:

With reference to page 26 of the SDS regarding weapons fees and ask – Can the Minister outline what increased fee has been factored into the 2017/18 administered cash flow statement?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service that the rates for weapons fees have been increased in line with Queensland Treasury's government gazettal rate for 2017-18, which is 3.5%. These increases took effect on 1 July 2017.

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QUESTION NO. 4**

QUESTION:

With reference to page 33 of the SDS regarding fire and emergency services expenses and ask – Can the Minister outline details of the \$40.702M underspend for 2016/17, with itemised reference to specific expense items that were reduced, underspent, delayed or cancelled?

ANSWER:

I am advised that there is no program underspend in Queensland Fire and Emergency Services in 2016-17.

I am further advised by QFES that the variation is a result of a revised calculation against the Australian accounting standards for the value of corporate services provided below fair value to the QFES by the Public Safety Business Agency (PSBA).

I am informed that the QFES Budget included an estimated value of corporate services provided to QFES by the PSBA. A review of this estimate has been undertaken, resulting in a reduction in the revised value as reflected in the 2016-17 estimated actuals.

QFES advise that the change is not a result of reduced services delivered by PSBA to QFES and the net impact for budgetary and financial reporting purposes is nil.

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QUESTION NO. 5

QUESTION:

With reference to page 36 of the SDS in relation to capital purchases for the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services – Can the Minister outline why there was a \$3.033M or 33.8% underspend in total capital purchases in 2016/17 and will the Minister outline the itemised projects that were reduced, delayed or cancelled?

ANSWER:

I am advised that the published capital budget for Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) in 2016-17, including capital grants for the State Emergency Service and rural fire brigades was \$8.972 million.

I am further advised that the estimated actual capital expenditure by QFES in 2016-17 is \$5.939 million, \$3.033 million below the published budget.

I am informed that it is estimated QFES will fully expend its capital grants budget.

QFES advise that factors relating to the apparent discrepancy in capital expenditure, were:

- a decision to reallocate \$2.000 million of funding originally provided for information systems upgrades to other operating cost priorities;
- revision of the budget originally provided for replacement and upgrade of fully encapsulated chemical suits, by \$1.000 million to \$580,000, in line with the department's current replacement program and actual demand; and
- a \$33,000 realignment of funding provided for Commonwealth Games-related operational equipment.

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QUESTION No. 6

QUESTION:

I refer to page 58 of Budget Measures in relation to the expansion of prison infrastructure for women prisoners and ask –

- a. how many additional beds will be provided by this allocation;
- b. when will construction commence; and
- c. when will the first allocation of additional beds become available for use?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to easing prisoner capacity pressure at Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre and committed \$16 million over two years in capital (including \$3.5 million offset) and \$11.4 million in operating funding over four years to expand prison infrastructure at Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre.

I am advised by Queensland Corrective Services as follows:

- a) How many additional beds will be provided by this allocation

The funding will deliver up to an additional 52 beds across 26 cells.

- b) When will construction commence?

Construction will commence in January 2018.

- c) When will the first allocation of additional beds become available for use?

The additional beds are scheduled for completion at Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre by December 2018. The additional beds will not open in stages.

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QUESTION NO. 7**

QUESTION:

With reference to page 45 of the SDS in relation to the provision of Queensland Government Air Services – Can the Minister outline the total budget allocation for 2017/18, the allocation for 2016/17 and the expenditure for 2016/17 (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Public Safety Business Agency that, as at 12 June 2017, the total budget allocation for Queensland Government Air Services for 2017-18 is \$76.529 million.

I am further advised that the total budget allocation for 2016-17 was \$71.497 million and the estimated expenditure for 2016-17 is \$72.518 million.

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QUESTION NO. 8

QUESTION:

With reference to page 63 of the SDS in relation to disaster management effectiveness – Can the Minister outline the cost of the review of Queensland's response to Tropical Cyclone Debbie and when will it be released to the public?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to ensuring the best possible disaster management arrangements are in place in Queensland.

Assurance work undertaken by the Office of the Inspector-General Emergency Management (IGEM) is key to achieving effective disaster management outcomes and building safe, caring and connected communities.

In April 2017 following the impacts to Queensland communities caused by Severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie (TC Debbie) and subsequent severe weather events, I announced a major review into the effectiveness of the disaster management system in Queensland.

The review is looking at three key facets of TC Debbie, namely direct cyclone impact; rapid onset-weather conditions after the cyclone's coastal crossing; and slow on-set flooding experienced in the Rockhampton area.

The review seeks to provide assurance that there is a robust approach to continuous improvement across all aspects of the disaster management system in Queensland.

It also seeks to ensure that lessons from these events are captured; common themes for improvement are identified; and that the sharing of good practice is enabled.

Significant work has been undertaken to progress the review.

The Office of the IGEM review team is working with a range of disaster management agencies including local and district disaster management groups, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, the Queensland Police Service, councils and the Local Government Association of Queensland.

I am advised that the Office of the IGEM has directly contacted stakeholders and attended a number of formal debriefs and post season discussion meetings with local disaster management groups, district disaster management groups, the State Disaster Coordination Group, State Disaster Coordination Centre, and state government, non-government and commonwealth agencies.

I am further advised that the Inspector-General Emergency Management has personally attended a number of debriefs from Townsville to the Gold Coast.

Importantly, I am informed that a community survey has been undertaken of 1200 residents at various centres in Queensland to capture public opinion.

The review has been conducted within the staffing and budgetary allocations of the Office of the IGEM. I am advised that the Office engaged a market research company to conduct the community survey at a cost of \$69,170. The total cost of the review will be determined on completion.

I have asked for findings of the review to be considered prior to the 2017/18 severe weather season. The Inspector-General Emergency Management is to provide the review report to me in early August 2017. It is my intention that the review report will be tabled in Parliament in a timely way.

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QUESTION NO. 9

QUESTION:

I refer to page 11 of Budget Measures in relation to whole-of-government re-prioritisations and ask – Can the Minister provide an itemised breakdown of the \$17M re-prioritisation over the forward estimates, including specific reference to programs that have been reduced, delayed or cancelled?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that the breakdown of the \$17M re-prioritisation over the QPS forward estimates is as follows:

- 2017/18 - \$2.369M;
- 2018/19 - \$4.956M;
- 2019/20 - \$4.842M; and
- 2020/21 - \$4.869M.

The strategies pursued ensure high quality and sustainable frontline services to the community are maintained. I am informed that no programs have been reduced, delayed or cancelled.

To achieve the savings while maintaining high quality and sustainable frontline services to the community, the QPS has adopted a multifaceted approach.

I am informed that each month, the efficiency strategies and budget expenditure are reviewed at the senior executive level. Broader re-adjustments in strategy are considered by the senior executive during the mid-year review process.

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QUESTION NO. 10

QUESTION:

I refer to page 88 of Budget Measures in relation to Rapid Action and Patrols Group funding and ask – Can the Minister outline the total FTE allocation of officers (including Rapid Action Patrols Group) across the Townsville QPS region for 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 (reported separately) and where is the \$4.2M being reprioritised from to provide the additional 20 officers for the Townsville Rapid Action and Patrols Group?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) as follows:

- As at 30 June 2017, the approved police FTE allocation for Townsville District was 504;
- the police FTE allocations for 2017/18 and 2018/19 have not yet been determined at the district level. The Townsville District police allocation will be increased by at least 20 police positions to facilitate the expansion of the Townsville Rapid Action and Patrols Group (RAP); and
- the reprioritisation of police positions and resources to enable the expansion of the Townsville RAP will be undertaken by the QPS, taking into account competing demands for policing services.

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QUESTION NO. 11

QUESTION:

I refer to page 4 of the Service Delivery Statement and I ask the Minister:

Can the Minister please provide advice on what steps have been taken to ensure public safety during the Commonwealth Games?

ANSWER:

I am advised that planning is 'on track' and in accord with the Queensland Government's Bid Guarantee '... that all steps will be taken to ensure a safe and secure celebration of the 2018 Commonwealth Games'.

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) and the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) are working closely with Gold Coast 2018 Organising Corporation (GOLDOC) and Australian Government Security Agencies, including the Australian Defence Force, Intelligence, Australian Border Force and Federal Police, together with Air Services Australia and the Civilian Aviation Authority.

The *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act (Commonwealth Games) Amendment Bill 2017* was assented to on 5 June 2017. Preparation of the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act (Commonwealth Games) Regulation has commenced. This will define protective security zones in order to provide increased police powers for the period of the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

A 'new' Joint Emergency Services Coordination Centre has been completed on the Gold Coast. The facility will be used to coordinate the police and emergency services response to the Games, together with annual major events such as the Gold Coast 600 and Gold Coast Marathon, and will provide a great legacy for police and emergency services.

An extensive joint agency exercise program to test command and control arrangements and interoperability of all internal and external stakeholders has commenced and will continue through to the Games in April 2018.

An engagement team is actively working with key community, business and interested groups on the Gold Coast, Brisbane, Townsville and Cairns.

The Commonwealth Games Group (CGG) is developing '*Operation Sentinel Unite*' to deter, detect, prevent and report suspicious or concerning behaviours.

A cadre of officers have received training in Behavioural Observation and Suspicious Activity Recognition (BOSAR). An additional 300 QPS officers are scheduled to be trained by the end of 2017.

Security risk assessments have been conducted for all Games venues and events. Assessments are currently being completed for Games' associated locations and infrastructure, including transport hubs and networks.

Representatives from QPS and GOLDOC recently participated in a review of Security Preparations for the Games conducted by the Attorney-General's Department in Canberra on 9 June 2017 to ensure a high level of confidence around the security planning.

The QPS CGG remains alert for lessons learnt from major events and incidents both in Australia and overseas.

QFES has established a Commonwealth Games Office (CGO) that is working closely with all Games partners, both government and non-government, to ensure all activities align and support GC2018.

QFES service delivery includes response capabilities in relation to fire, natural hazards, disaster and hazardous materials, and support for counter-terrorism activities and local government disaster management groups.

As part of this, QFES is working closely with the QPS to deliver an integrated, cross-agency response for the games.

QPS and QFES have been working together to identify any impacts the Games environment will have on public space planning and emergency and evacuation procedures. This includes developing alternate emergency vehicle access routes and staging areas across the Games environment.

Another key deliverable for QFES is to ensure all competition venues and other notifiable sites achieve building fire safety compliance.

I am advised that QFES has completed the first round of building fire safety inspections at identified public and accommodation buildings, Games venues and precincts to ensure the safety of the general public and athletes attending the Games.

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QUESTION NO. 12

QUESTION:

Page 4 of the Service Delivery Statement refers to the *Domestic Violence Strategy* and the *Not Now, Not Ever* report.

Minister, as you know, this Government is implementing and actively supporting the 140 recommendations from the 2015 Special Task Force on Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland. Would you please advise the committee about initiatives aimed at improving police responses to domestic and family violence?

ANSWER:

I am informed by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that, under the leadership of the QPS Domestic and Family Violence Change Champion, Deputy Commissioner Strategy, Policy and Performance, the Service continues to progress a significant body of work to improve the policing response to domestic and family violence and vulnerable persons. This work contributes to the achievement of the Service's recommendations from the Special Task Force's report, which are on track for completion by the end of the Queensland Government's Second Action Plan of the *Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy 2016-2026*.

I am advised by the QPS that activities delivered or currently being delivered as part of the Second Action Plan include:

- Delivered the Vulnerable Persons Training Package to over 11,500 sworn members, up to and including the rank of Inspector, and targeted unsworn members to support the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2016* which commenced on 30 May 2017. Day two of the training concentrated on the challenges of responding and investigating incidents of domestic and family violence. Officers were provided with a greater understanding of the dynamics of domestic and family violence, as well developing an understanding of the new policing responses available to them through the new legislation. There was a strong focus on cultural change, in developing and improving how officers respond to these often high risk and volatile situations whilst remaining professional and appropriately compassionate at all times.
- Held the inaugural QPS Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Awards to acknowledge the achievements of members of the QPS, personnel of other government and community organisations, and members of the community who have assisted the QPS in the prevention of domestic and family violence in Queensland.
- Developed a specific set of good practice guidelines related to the use of interpreters in domestic and family violence incidents.
- Participating in the Queensland Government Multi-Agency White Ribbon Workplace Accreditation Program aimed at the prevention of men's violence against women, principally through the accreditation of the QPS as a White Ribbon Workplace.

- Seeking external professional services to assess and baseline the QPS culture related to domestic and family violence and make recommendations, if necessary, on cultural improvements. This information would then inform the development and delivery of coaching and mentoring programs for our senior leaders and frontline supervisors.
- Reviewing the QPS Protective Assessment Framework, which is planned for completion by the end of 2017.
- Supporting the roll out of the Domestic and Family Violence High Risk Teams in Logan, Mount Isa and Cherbourg.
- Progressing the operationalisation of relevant legislative requirements stemming from the *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2009* and *Bail (Domestic Violence) and Another Act Amendment Act 2017*.
- With regard to the National Domestic Violence Order Scheme, the QPS continues to progress, in collaboration with the Department of Justice and Attorney-General, Queensland's participation in developing an interim technical solution, while a four-year project to develop and deliver a national technical capability to facilitate information sharing and enforcement of Domestic Violence Orders between courts and police across Australia is undertaken.
- Continuing the awareness and education campaign with respect to the offence related to choking, suffocation or strangulation in a domestic setting (s.315A of the Criminal Code), including exploring opportunities with the San Diego Institute of Strangulation to develop a specialist training capability within the QPS.
- Received the independent, external audit report on domestic and family violence-related police training products. The QPS is considering the report, including how best to integrate implementation of the report recommendations into the broader QPS domestic and family violence reform agenda.

I am further informed by the QPS that a key lesson learnt so far, is that no single organisation can comprehensively respond to the issue of domestic and family violence on its own, that collaborative partnerships with other government agencies, non-government agencies and the community must be established to deliver a more cohesive and informed response to domestic and family violence and vulnerable persons.

Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) works closely with QPS and other government and non-government agencies in the supervision and rehabilitation of domestic and family violence (DFV) perpetrators in the community.

I am advised by QCS that programs and services currently being delivered include:

- QCS partners with the Domestic Violence Prevention Centre Gold Coast Inc. to deliver the Men's Domestic Violence Education and Intervention Program. The program commenced in March 2000 and focuses on reducing male offending behaviours for men convicted of DFV related offences.

- In response to the *Not Now, Not Ever Report*, QCS reviewed the eligibility criteria for therapeutic intervention programs (Recommendation 81) to allow prisoners to participate in programs regardless of sentence length, providing they have enough time in custody remaining to complete the program.
- In response to the *Not Now, Not Ever Report*, High Risk Teams (HRT) were developed to provide an integrated response to DFV. QCS is a core member of the HRTs, which consist of multiple agencies that respond to high risk cases of domestic and family violence in a specialised and coordinated manner. HRTs currently operate in three locations including Logan/Beenleigh, Mt Isa and Cherbourg with expansion of HRTs to commence in October 2017 to Cairns/Mossman, Brisbane and Ipswich and October 2018 to Mackay/Whitsunday/Isaac and Caboolture.
- Re-entry services provide support for high risk offenders that are released on parole, including referrals to programs facilitated by specialist DFV service providers and counselling services to address DFV offending behaviour.

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QUESTION NO. 13

QUESTION:

Page 4 of the Service Delivery Statement refers to capability and capacity.
 Will the Minister please provide advice on outcomes from the online reporting tools being developed by Policelink, including the new reporting tool called 'Report a Drug Dealer'?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service that the Report a Drug Dealer reporting commenced on 31 January 2017. Since the commencement to 31 May 2017, there have been 1,651 submissions which have resulted in 1,543 intelligence submissions being generated. This represents a 93% conversion rate of submissions to date.

I am further advised that online reporting allows Policelink to manage workloads by prioritising phone calls while still ensuring non-urgent online forms are processed in an agreed time frame. There has been an increasing take up of the non-urgent online forms, and an increasing range of online options. Members of the public are encouraged to use online reporting, which frees up frontline resources and enables police across the state deal with individual complaints more efficiently. It is also a convenient and effective method for customers to make contact with police.

I am informed that the following table outlines the available online reports and the respective contact volumes for the period 1 July 2016 to 31 May 2017.

Public Form	Volumes
Fare Evasion	483
Lost Property	6,074
Fuel Drive-Off	12,868
Wilful Damage and Graffiti	2,628
Crime Tracker on line	6,681
Property List	9,458
Supplementary	9,583
Replacement e-ticket	546
Withdrawal of Complaint	4,580
Report a Drug Dealer	1,651
Traffic Crash	3,448
Suspicious Activities	5,780
Noise/Party Complaint	41,755
Alarm Notification	9,707
Hoon on line	8,068
Stock and Rural Suspicious Activity	19
Party Safe Registration	718
Event Safe Registration	252
Register your ride	66
Compliments & complaints	1636
Cyclist complaint form	352
Motor vehicle Impoundment Early Release	3,340

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QUESTION NO. 14

QUESTION:

Page 4 of the Service Delivery Statement refers to making the community safer. Will the Minister update the committee on Water Police activities around the State, and how this work is assisting the Queensland Police Service to keep Queenslanders safe?

ANSWER:

This financial year the Water Police have been heavily involved in its key priorities to ensure safe Queensland waterways, that is: intelligence gathering and intelligence driven patrols, community and partner maritime agency engagement, and Search and Rescue (SAR) operations.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that statistically this equates to the following results for the financial year to 20 June 2017:

- Over 9,000 recreational and commercial vessels intercepted;
- Calls for service – 1,715;
- RBTs - 8,838;
- Street checks - 8,100;
- Infringement notices – 2,216;
- Local operations – 320; and
- Over 45 cross-decking operations with partner agencies.

The Water Police continue to maintain strong operational and information sharing relationships with state and commonwealth maritime partners such as Maritime Safety Queensland, Queensland Fisheries, Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service, Australian Border Force, Australian Federal Police, Maritime Border Command, Australian Maritime Safety Authority, and Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

The Water Police continue to undertake 'cross-decking' operations with these partner agencies, which are seeing good results and cooperation in a number of areas. This includes the detection of drug affected vessel masters operating recreational and commercial vessels.

I am also advised that there have been 737 marine search and rescue incidents from 1 July 2016 to 20 June 2017 in Queensland waters.

These incidents have involved approximately 850 persons, of whom six were recovered deceased and seven were not located despite extensive searching. The remaining persons, approximately 837, were safely located and returned to their families.

The Queensland Water Police, in conjunction with the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard and Volunteer Marine Rescue Queensland, provide a world class 24 hour a day search and rescue response to mariners within Queensland waters. The Queensland search and rescue system is closely linked to the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre within the Australian Maritime Safety Authority in Canberra, ensuring that there is a professional and timely response to all mariners in distress.

Next financial year will see a number of new vessels being constructed to replace aging police vessels across the state. The innovation in the construction of these new vessels will future proof the QPS vessel fleet and enhance the capability of the Water Police in a number of locations across the State.

QPS advise that, as at 30 June 2017, the Water Police fleet comprised 65 vessels, including catamarans, rigid inflatable boats (RIB), jet skis, tactical vessels and station vessels, as outlined in the following table.

24 metre catamarans	6
High speed 12 metre barge	1
Tactical vessels	2
12 metre catamarans	3
RIBS (Rigid Inflatable Boat)	26
QPS Cape/Gulf/Station vessels	14
Jet skis	7
Various other miscellaneous builds	6

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QUESTION NO. 15

QUESTION:

I refer to page 8 of the Service Delivery Statement.

Will the Minister provide an update on how the Queensland Police Service is working with the Department of Transport and Main Roads and other key partners to implement the Safer Roads, Safer Queensland – Queensland's Road Safety Action Plan 2017-19 to help Queensland achieve its vision of eliminating serious road trauma over the long term?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Road Safety Action Plan 2017-19 is currently in draft and is expected to be released in coming weeks. The Action Plan will set out actions to road safety challenges for the next two years, ensuring that Queensland is on the path to the vision of the road safety strategy – zero fatalities and serious injuries.

I am informed that the Queensland Police Service (QPS) has provided input into the development of Queensland's Road Safety Action Plan 2017-19. The QPS will lead and partner in actions involving key stakeholders.

I am advised that the QPS has completed all actions of the Queensland Road Safety Action Plan 2015-17, including:

- Rollout of radars on police motorcycles: There are currently 41 radars on motorcycles across the state with five on unmarked motorcycles. This will be expanded to 52 by the end of August 2017.
- Marked and non-marked police vehicles: Highly visible marked police vehicles are used to provide a policing presence to deter potential offenders and to provide a reminder to all drivers to stay focused on their driving. Unmarked vehicles are used in enforcement of the traffic laws at any time or any place, and that drivers should remain vigilant.
- Trial of innovative strategies and technologies: Trial of a new speed camera platform, a highly visible mobile trailer specifically designed to operate in three types of locations—specific high risk sites that are difficult for police to do mobile speed detection duty, school zones, and large scale roadwork sites.
- Expand training for road police officers to better detect and deter broader criminal activities, including enhanced drug driving operations across Queensland: 2,023 police officers have attended the interdiction training through (Crime and Traffic Connecting on Highways) CATCH workshops; 502 police officers authorised to perform roadside drug testing across the state.

- Address dangerous unregistered and unlicensed drivers (who are over-represented in crash statistics), by investigating expansion of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology in police vehicles: 50 marked and one unmarked vehicles are now equipped with ANPR focussing on road policing activities.
- Enhance roadside policing capability and efficiency through the implementation of electronic ticketing: Program implemented and equipped to issue electronic traffic infringement notices since July 2016 (by SMS and email).
- Host a Queensland Road Safety Week (QRSW) to engage the community in important conversations about road safety: The inaugural QRSW was held between Monday 17 August and Friday 21 August 2015. QRSW 2016 was held between Monday 22 August and Sunday 28 August.

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QUESTION NO. 16

QUESTION:

I refer to page 52 of the SDS, about the departmental capital program administered by the PSBA. I ask the Minister; will the Minister provide further details around the capital works aspect of the Budget, including projects, how it is administered, and what benefits this will provide to frontline staff.

ANSWER:

The 2017-2018 Public Safety Business Agency (PSBA) capital program provides an investment of \$244 million in capital purchases to support the delivery of essential frontline public safety services to Queensland communities.

This investment will be used to not only deliver information technology and other essential equipment for the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES), but will also deliver capital works infrastructure projects throughout the state.

I am advised that the QPS capital works program highlights include:

- Replacement and upgrades of police stations and watchhouses and associated facilities in regional centres, smaller towns and communities across the state, including, replacement police stations and watchhouses at Beaudesert and Bowen and replacement police stations at Coolumb, Gordonvale and Howard;
- Specialised policing response and operational facilities in Cairns and the greater-Brisbane area;
- Continuation of the Police Headquarters renewal project;
- Strategic land acquisitions; and
- Upgraded housing accommodation in the northern area, including additional residential accommodation at Aurukun.

I am advised that the QFES capital works program highlights include:

- Replacement of auxiliary staffed fire and rescue stations in smaller towns and communities across the state, including, Charleville, Childers, Gordonvale, Oakey, Herberton, Proserpine, Richmond and Roma;
- Replacement and upgrades to permanently staffed fire and rescue stations, operational, communications, specialised and air operations response facilities in major regional centres and the greater-Brisbane area; including Bundaberg, Bundamba, Mackay, Mount Isa and Rockhampton;

- Replacement of rural fire stations and emergency services facilities in regional areas, including, Howard and Mount Isa; and
- Strategic land acquisitions for fire and rescue and rural fire facilities.

PSBA will deliver these projects to ensure the QPS and QFES are provided the most efficient and effective fit for purpose accommodation for delivering their services.

The Palaszczuk Government's commitment to deliver more replacement and upgraded facilities for our police and emergency services will allow our frontline agencies to focus their efforts on delivering critical operational services to the community.

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QUESTION NO. 17

QUESTION:

Page 46 of the SDS refers to completing the Emergency Services Computer Aided Dispatch (ESCAD) upgrade program. Can the Minister give an update on the ESCAD upgrade program?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Public Safety Business Agency as follows:

The Emergency Services Computer Aided Dispatch (ESCAD) system supports the Triple Zero (000) emergency response call centres for Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) and Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES). The ESCAD Upgrade Program (the Program) has a planned expenditure of \$8M at 31 May 2017 and will include infrastructure, operating system and application software upgrades to ensure that a current supported version is available.

The Program is currently conducting extensive testing of the upgraded computer aided dispatch solution which includes:

- Performance and Load testing;
- Disaster Avoidance and Recovery Testing;
- Security Penetration Testing;
- End to End Testing of the communications and messaging services; and
- Scenario based application functional testing.

The testing is being conducted by:

- Internal Subject Matter Experts;
- Agency User representatives from QAS and QFES; and
- Industry Specialists.

This extensive level of testing is appropriate for a Triple Zero (000) emergency response system and is to ensure the resulting system is fit for operational use.

Withstanding the identification of any significant issue which may affect the schedule's critical path, the Program is currently on track and the Public Safety Business Agency is expected to deliver the upgraded system to QAS and QFES by the end of 2017. The "cut-over" to the upgraded system will then be scheduled at the operational convenience of the two agencies which is expected to be in early 2018.

The existing ESCAD system will continue to provide Triple Zero (000) services for QAS and QFES until the upgraded platform is stable, secure and proven to be fit for operational use.

The Queensland Government regularly reports on the progress of the Program on the Whole of Government Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Dashboard which can be found at <https://www.qld.gov.au/ictdashboard/>.

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QUESTION NO. 18

QUESTION:

Page 62 of the SDS outlines that the Office of the Inspector-General of Emergency Management (IGEM) is committed to delivering on the Queensland Government's objectives for the community of building safe, caring and connected communities and delivering quality frontline services.

Can the Minister provide details on how the Office of the IGEM is achieving this?

ANSWER:

The Office of the Inspector-General Emergency Management (IGEM) is committed to delivering the Palaszczuk Government's objective of building safe, caring and connected communities across Queensland.

In support of this commitment, I am advised that the Office of the IGEM completed a number of reviews; undertook a broad range of assurance activities; and engaged extensively with a wide range of stakeholders throughout 2016-17.

During the period, the Office of the IGEM completed a review of the Mackay Disaster District to assess capability at district and local levels to deliver effective disaster management outcomes, measured against the Standard for Disaster Management in Queensland. The review was undertaken between July and November 2016, and an improvement workshop, based on the findings, was held in March 2017. I personally attended the workshop, and actions and findings arising from both it and the review proved to be invaluable in preparing for and responding to Severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie, which crossed the coast in the region just weeks later.

The Office of the IGEM also completed a review and assessment of the effectiveness of the State Disaster Management Plan and its implementation. This report was provided to the Queensland Police Service and Queensland Fire and Emergency Services to inform work being undertaken to recraft the State Disaster Management Plan.

In addition to these reviews, a range of other assurance activities undertaken by the Office of the IGEM strongly enhanced disaster management arrangements in Queensland.

These included:

- a review of the State's evacuation management arrangements, which included planning workshops in Rockhampton, Gold Coast and Townsville and a decision-making workshop in Brisbane during March 2017; and
- an assessment of the disaster management plans of local government and district groups against the Standard for Disaster Management in Queensland.

A key product developed by the Office of the IGEM which has proven pivotal in developing disaster management capability across Queensland has been the Emergency Management Prioritisation Tool.

The on-line self-assessment tool provides a health check of disaster management capabilities. The use of this tool by local disaster groups throughout Queensland has been instrumental in developing disaster management capability for events such as Severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie.

Underpinning the Office's review and assurance work has been the development of frontline capability at the local level across Queensland.

In 2015, the Office of the IGEM established a network of disaster management officers and local disaster coordinators from councils across Queensland, known as the Disaster Management Officers' (DMO) Network.

The peer-driven DMO Network provides a platform for local disaster management practitioners to share knowledge and resources; develop ideas; learn from the experience of others; and to collaboratively identify and develop best practice.

In May this year, approximately 70 people from local government, Queensland Government agencies and private and non-government entities attended this year's DMO Forum in Mackay. The event was hosted by the Office of the IGEM, in partnership with the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ).

The DMO Network currently comprises 84 officers from 55 councils and one officer from the LGAQ.

During 2016-17, the Office of the IGEM has continued to work with other entities to improve disaster management outcomes:

- establishing a lexicon project to promote a common language across the disaster management sector and actively working with the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience to review the national Emergency Management Australia glossary
- initiating a research framework to nurture partnerships, cooperation and understanding between academic institutions, government agencies and disaster management practitioners
- developing a database of more than 70 university researchers specialising in disaster and emergency management
- directly supporting undergraduate studies and students in disaster management through a Memorandum of Understanding with Queensland University of Technology (QUT); and
- progressing discussions with QUT and Brisbane City Council to develop a proof-of-concept on safe evacuations using virtual and augmented reality.

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QUESTION No. 19

QUESTION:

I refer to page 19 of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General SDS. Can the Minister detail how Queensland Corrective Services is continuing to explore opportunities to increase reparation to the community through supervised community service and work camps for low risk prisoners?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government recognises the importance of community service as an opportunity for low security prisoners and offenders to make reparation to the community harmed by their offending behaviour and to develop employment skills.

Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) currently operates two main community service programs:

- Reparation work – performed by offenders in the community under Community Service Orders, Graffiti Removal Orders, Fine Option Orders (FOOs) and Intensive Correction Orders; and
- Work camps – where work is performed by low security prisoners.

I am advised that QCS and the Toowoomba Regional Council continue to discuss the implementation of a low security prisoner work camp in the region. The current proposal is for a work camp site to be part of a new council depot development program on 68 hectares of land at Nass Road, Charlton.

I am further advised that in response to the rising value of unpaid debt in Queensland, QCS developed the State Penalties Enforcement Registry (SPER) Fine Option Order (FOO) Pilot Program. The initiative is aimed at assisting offenders in custody to manage their SPER debt through the completion of FOOs. The opportunity to perform community service in custody presents additional benefits in effecting positive behavioural and social change, connecting offenders with valuable resources and reducing financial barriers upon release to the community.

QCS advise that, since its inception in March 2016 to June 2017, a total of 4,180.25 hours of community service have been undertaken by prisoners at the Helana Jones Centre, equating to a monetary value of \$100,887.45. These hours have been completed across a number of projects including Clean Up Australia Day, Million Stars Project, Wesley Mission and Brisbane City Council. To date, 18 women have paid back their fines in full and have been released completely debt free with the opportunity of a fresh start.

I am informed that within the community, QCS partners with many not-for-profit organisations and local councils to supervise offenders performing unpaid community work as part of their court order. QCS is currently working in partnership with the Penalty Debt Management Council (PDMC) to streamline penalty debt reduction.

A number of probation and parole district offices within proximity to a Safe Night Precinct (SNP) established successful work parties supervised by probation and parole staff to support the Alcohol Fuelled Violence Strategy.

Offenders assist in undertaking rubbish removal, beautification and cleaning related activities within the SNP. The project works successfully with local councils and community partnerships to restore public spaces.

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QUESTION NO. 20

QUESTION:

I refer to page 19 of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General SDS. Will the Minister provide details of the upgrade to perimeter security at correctional centres across Queensland to maintain community safety?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to community safety by ensuring Queensland's correctional centres are the safest and most secure in the nation.

There have been no escapes from high security custody in Queensland correctional centres since 1998. Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) maintains reliable and robust perimeter security systems to reduce the risk of escape and potential harm to the community, and regularly updates these systems to ensure the community's safety and protection from harm.

In 2017-18, the Palaszczuk Government has allocated \$26.8 million to continue Stage 2 of the \$76.6 million Perimeter Security Upgrade Program, due for completion in 2019-20.

Stage 2 will deliver upgrades to perimeter security at Townsville, Arthur Gorrie, Woodford, Wolston and Maryborough correctional centres. Work commenced at Townsville Correctional Centre in January 2017 and at Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre in May 2017. Contracts have been awarded for the remaining three centres, with works to commence in 2017-18.

I am advised that the primary focus of stage 2 is to upgrade obsolete electronic hardware and software systems to ensure perimeter detection systems remain reliable and supportable.

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QUESTION:

Mr DICKSON: To all members of the police force, thank you so much for what you do — I need to get that out there—particularly the commissioner and the minister.
Minister, I note in your department's 2017-18 SDS that the Public Safety Business Agency is mentioned approximately 30 times. Regarding the PSBA, how many contracts have been issued by this agency since 2014? Have all those contracts been issued following a tender process? If not, how many have been issued without formal tender processes? What is the total cost of those contracts individually? If you wish to come back with an answer, I would be very happy with that.

ANSWER:

I am advised that the Public Safety Business Agency (PSBA), on behalf of the Queensland Police Service, has established 75 contracts/arrangements since 1 January 2014 to current (21 July 2017) totalling \$141,098,910.

I am further advised that, of those 75 contracts/arrangements, 39 contracts were the result of a competitive tender process, totalling \$131,883,959.

PSBA advise that the table concluding this document lists the remaining 36 contracts, including the total (aggregate) cost of each contract, which were not established from a competitive tender process.

I am informed that there are various reasons why a contract may be issued without a formal competitive tender process, including:

- Contract value is below the minimum quotation thresholds; or
- Sole Supply – thorough research of the supply market has been clearly documented and has identified only one supplier capable and/or available to supply the required goods or services; or
- Criticality – securing the goods or services from the nominated proven supplier is critical to ensure uninterrupted provision of goods or services. Under this scenario, the engagement of an alternative supplier would present significant risk and additional cost to delivering business outcomes; or
- Genuine Urgency – circumstances dictate that the purchase could not have been reasonably foreseen or planned and there is not sufficient time to complete the required Procurement process; or
- Recency – a Contract or Purchase Order for the same or very similar goods or services has been previously executed as the result of a full Procurement process within the prior twelve (12) months; or

- Other Jurisdictional Arrangements – the same or very similar goods or services can be sourced from a Contract or supply arrangement established by a non-Queensland State Government agency; or
- Security/Confidentiality – the Procurement involves a high level of sensitivity and there are risks associated with divulging the requirement to multiple suppliers.

#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$
1	\$2,732,592	10	\$81,900	19	\$166,868	28	\$18,231
2	\$127,710	11	\$76,160	20	\$246,100	29	\$15,804
3	\$355,640	12	\$272,500	21	\$50,000	30	\$179,233
4	\$150,000	13	\$217,940	22	\$99,000	31	\$7,200
5	\$36,912	14	\$233,500	23	\$111,010	32	\$410,000
6	\$109,200	15	\$234,920	24	\$155,760	33	\$45,329
7	\$16,500	16	\$242,500	25	\$407,917	34	\$147,850
8	\$90,882	17	\$300,000	26	\$685,700	35	\$404,300
9	\$18,721	18	\$227,960	27	\$16,802	36	\$522,308
Total						\$9,214,951	

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QUESTION:

Mr MANDER: In terms of the 233 consorting warnings that have been issued, do you know how many of those have been issued to the same person? Is that 233 individuals?

Mr MANDER: Do you know what percentage or thereabouts of those warnings were issued by officers from Taskforce Maxima?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service that the most recent interrogation of the data (at 21 July 2017) shows that from the commencement of the legislation until 30 June 2017, 262 consorting warnings were issued state-wide. This included 220 verified pre-emptive warnings and 42 verified retrospective consorting warnings. Taskforce Maxima issued 185 (70.6%) of these consorting warnings.

I am further advised that, of these figures, 204 individuals have received pre-emptive consorting warnings and 42 individuals have received retrospective consorting warnings. These figures for individuals cannot be combined as a total. Some individuals may have received both forms of warning.

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QUESTION:

Mr MANDER: Minister, in a statement to parliament on 24 May 2017 you proudly boasted that patched OMCG membership had 'plunged from 1,158 in late 2013 to 695 as of last week'. How many of the 463 decrease occurred from 29 November 2016?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service that due to reporting systems, an exact figure of confirmed OMCG members in Queensland as at 29 November 2016 is not available. However, as at 20 October 2016 that figure was 726 and as at 18 December 2016 there were 724 confirmed OMCG members in Queensland.

As stated previously as at 11 July 2017 there are 697 confirmed OMCG members in Queensland and I am advised that this shows a reduction from 20 October 2016 of 29 confirmed OMCG members.

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QUESTION:

Mr MANDER: Minister, I contend that you misled the parliament in one of your previous answers and I want to give you a chance to correct the record. You said that there were no convictions under the VLAD legislation. That is not correct. I seek leave to table the *Hansard* of 20 August 2015, which is the record of estimates when the then shadow police minister asked the commissioner about this and he confirmed that there had been a conviction under the VLAD legislation. In fact, it was not for bikie gangs; it was for drug offences. I seek leave to table that, Mr Chairman.

CHAIR: Minister, the advice that I have received in relation to this question is that you can answer it if you so wish. However, it is also the case that the member for Everton can be asked to put this question in writing, and I appreciate that it has just been produced now.

ANSWER:

The answer that I provided on 20 July 2017 in which I referred to the 'VLAD legislation' was in the context of a discussion about the new consorting offence in contrast to the anti-association provisions contained in s 60A of the Criminal Code, which are often referred to generally as the 'VLAD legislation', along with other aspects of the 2013 scheme.

I am advised that as at 20 July 2017, there have been no convictions for the anti-association offence, that is, the offence in s 60A (Participants in criminal organisation being knowingly present in public places) of the Criminal Code.

The answer provided by the Commissioner on 20 August 2015 was in relation to a conviction of a person for various drug related offences, not s 60A of the Criminal Code, including one of trafficking in a dangerous drug with the circumstance of aggravation that the person was a vicious lawless associate.

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1.	Tabled paper - TAFE Payment Plan Application - Jo-Ann Miller MP, Member for Bundamba
2.	Tabled paper - Executive Summary to Inspection Report - Brisbane Youth Detention Centre - March quarter 2017 - Mr Ian Walker MP, Member for Mansfield
3.	Tabled paper - Public Safety Business Agency - Budget Measures 2015-16 - Mr Ian Walker MP, Member for Mansfield
4.	Tabled paper - Question taken on notice – Honourable Yvette D’Ath MP, Attorney General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills
5.	Tabled paper - Excerpt from Transcript - 20 August 2015 - Estimates - Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Corrective Services - Mr Tim Mander MP, Member for Everton
6.	Tabled paper - Weapons Act 1990 - Notice of Rejection of Application to Issue or Renew Licence - Mr Tim Mander MP, Member for Everton
7.	Tabled paper - News article – “Bunks to ease jail squeeze” - Mr Tim Mander MP, Member for Everton
8.	Tabled paper - Townsville Bulletin News Articles, “JAIL FAIL” and “Freedom to wander” dated 29 June 2017 - Mr Tim Mander MP, Member for Everton

Payment Plan Application FR057

Tabled by: Jo-An Miller MP
At: 10:24am LAISC EST/males
Time/date: 20 July 2017
Signature: [Signature]



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Terms and Conditions

- An applicant must be 18 years of age or older. A student under 18 years of age may apply with a Guarantor, please see below.
- The total Payment Plan shall be completed at least 30 days prior to the end of the student's program of study for which Payment Plan has been provided, this includes all government and non-government funded programs.
- Cancellation of enrolment does not necessarily cancel the obligation to make all payments under the Payment Plan. Please refer to the TAFE Queensland Student Refund Policy.
- Financial capacity to meet the Payment Plan instalments must be demonstrated.
- Payment Plans are only available for enrolments with total fees and charges greater than \$500 and for programs six (6) weeks or longer unless negotiated with the General Manager or delegated officer.
- A minimum deposit of 25% of the total cost of the enrolment is payable at the time of enrolment.
- The instalments are due fortnightly via Direct Debit.
- Default on agreed instalment payment may result in a certificate not being issued for any completed qualifications.
- RPL Students – Payment Plan to be completed by students Close of Study date. Minimum deposit of 25% of enrolment fee payable at time of enrolment.

Student details (Please use BLOCK letters and print your name in full)

Student number: (if known)

Family name:

Given name:

Date of Birth:

Gender

☐ Male

☐ Female

Student contact details

Address:

Suburb:

Post code:

Mobile:

Home phone number:

Email address:

Concession eligibility

Do you have a valid concession card?

If yes, what type of card do you hold:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Health Care Card (HCC)

☐ Pension Care Card (PCC)

Name as it appears exactly on the card:

CRN number:

Are you listed as a dependent on the card?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, what is the primary card holders name as it appears exactly on the card:

Primary card holders CRN number:

Citizenship details (Please mark one box)

Australian Citizen

☐

New Zealand Citizen

☐

Australian Permanent Resident

☐

Student Visa

Temporary Resident Visa

☐

Visitor's Visa

☐

Business Visa

☐

Holiday Visa

Other Visa

If entry to Australia is on a Visa, country of citizenship?

Important: A guarantor is required if the student is under 18 years of age

Please note that you may also choose to provide a guarantor for financial reasons if you are over 18 years of age

Will you be supplying a guarantor for your Payment Plan? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered, Yes, please have your guarantor complete the guarantor details section below before proceeding, if you are not using a guarantor please go straight to page 3.

Guarantor (Complete if applicable)

Guarantor details (Please use BLOCK letters and print your name in full)

Family name: Given name: Date of birth: Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female

Guarantor contact details

Address: Suburb: Post code:

Mobile: Home phone number: Email address:

Citizenship details (Please mark one box)

☐ Australian Citizen ☐ New Zealand Citizen ☐ Australian Permanent Resident ☐ Student Visa
☐ Temporary Resident Visa ☐ Visitor's Visa ☐ Business Visa ☐ Holiday Visa
☐ Other Visa If entry to Australia is on a Visa, country of citizenship?

Cultural diversity

Were you born in Australia? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you identify yourself as any of the following? (Please mark one box if applicable)

☐ Aboriginal ☐ Torres Strait Islander ☐ South Sea Islander ☐ None of the

Guarantor declaration

I _____ (name of Guarantor) confirm that I am willing to
be a Guarantor for _____ (name of Applicant).

* Cancellation of enrolment does not necessarily cancel the obligation to make all payments under the Time to Pay plan.

I am aware of, understand, and agree that I will be liable to pay all money owing by the applicant if they default in paying the debt under the payment plan and I declare that all information supplied is true and correct.

Guarantor signature:

Date:

The following documentation must be supplied by the student, and the guarantor (if applicable):

- ☐ Proof of income e.g. recent payslip or Centrelink payment advice dated within the last two (2) months
- ☐ Proof of identity i.e. current photo identification which includes current residential address
- ☐ A bank statement to verify account details for direct debiting purposes

Financial viability

Income and expenses listed below are related to:

☐

Student

☐

Guarantor

Please list your fortnightly income details:

Please list your fortnightly expense details:

Work (wages):	\$
Centrelink income:	\$
Parent/spouse:	\$
Other:	\$

Rent / Board / Mortgage:	\$
Telephone / Mobile:	\$
Electricity / Gas / Water:	\$
Food:	\$
Petrol and/or transport:	\$
Credit card repayments:	\$
Loan repayments:	\$
Entertainment :	\$
Other:	\$

Total fortnightly income: \$

Total fortnightly expenses: \$

Student declaration

You must indicate that you agree to all of the below:

- ☐ I agree that all information is true and correct.
- ☐ I have read and understood the TAFE Queensland South West Terms and Conditions.
- ☐ I understand that approval of my application will commit me to an agreed schedule and that failure to make payment may result in ineligibility for a payment plan in the future and the full outstanding balance will become immediately due and payable.
- ☐ Even if I withdraw my enrolment, I may still owe the unpaid fees if the courses have commenced, regardless of whether I actually attended the course.
- ☐ These details may be used to collect outstanding debt through a collection agency at my expense.
- ☐ I give consent to TAFE Queensland South West to obtain my consumer credit file for the purposes of this application.

I agree to the above conditions and will make payments on or before the due date of the Payment Plan.

Student signature:

Date:

Region use only

Campus:

Course:

DP number:

Identification provided for student/guarantor (outline):

☐ Yes

☐ No

Date:

Application approved?

Total fees

Deposit paid

Credit approved

☐ Yes ☐ No

\$

\$

\$

☐ Payment Schedule provided

Date:

☐ Direct Debit set up

☐ Applications under \$500 – approved by Finance Manager

Date applicant informed in writing:

Signature of CSO:

Date:

Executive Summary to Inspection Report Brisbane Youth Detention Centre March quarter 2017

Tabled by: Ian Walker MP
At: 2:00pm 20 July 2017
Time/date: CACSC estimates meeting
Signature: [Signature]

The Inspection of the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre (BYDC) occurred from 20 to 24 February 2017. The inspection focus areas were **Security** and **Management**. Areas subject to regular monitoring were the **Use of Force**, **Incident Reporting**, and the **Separation of young people in locked rooms**.

Security

Inspectors found the centre still recovering from an incident on 30 January 2017 in which young people destroyed much of the interior of the Ironbark Unit and mounted a rooftop protest. At root, the incident was largely precipitated by alleged staff favouritism shown toward three youths transferred in from the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre (CYDC) after leading the riot there on 10 November 2016. There were related allegations and some presenting evidence that the CYDC arrivals had been used by staff as 'enforcers' to intimidate troublesome BYDC youths. In any event, the factional tension between CYDC and BYDC had severely disrupted schooling provision.

It was further found that BYDC had insufficient staff to operate the centre without frequent and costly recourse to overtime. There had been additional school cancellations when gaps in the roster were unable to be filled. No new youth worker recruits had come on board since early 2015. It was not infrequent for staff to be working twelve-hour shifts for days or nights on end. Positively, the centre has committed to running two new youth worker intakes this year, and has made some improvements to the management of rostering, overtime allocation, staff leave, and the casual pool.

Other significant security issues identified during the inspection were:

1. No additional or revised security directives had been issued in the wake of the 30 January 2017 incident in the Ironbark Unit. Inspectors observed mops and brooms still laying around in some units, despite these having been taken up as weapons by the perpetrators of that incident. A table tennis table that had been used to scale the Ironbark roof had been fixed to the floor in that unit, but not in any others.
2. A lack of training and authorisation to allow the deployment of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE; i.e., shields and body armour) in response to various incidents including that on 30 January 2017. Positively, PPE training had commenced at BYDC earlier in January 2017, and the deployment issue has now been resolved in policy.
3. Young people were blotting CCTV camera lenses in their bedrooms for weeks on end. BYDC took steps during consultation to combat this issue.



Seventeen-year-old offenders

A major theme running through this inspection was the absorption into the youth justice system of offenders 17-years-old and over (scheduled to occur from November 2017). There was widespread staff concern about the centre's readiness to receive this cohort. Population numbers were already high, and there were manifold considerations yet to be worked through in relation to security, structured day movements, the capacity and siting of accommodation units, and the provision of age-appropriate education and vocational training. During consultation, the ED BYDC advised the Inspectorate that the substantive Operations Manager had returned to the centre after an absence of approximately five years. The Inspectorate welcomes the stabilisation of this key security role at a time of volatility among the existing BYDC population and the upcoming admixture of 17-year-olds.

Management

The key issues as regards Management were:

- The general appearance of the centre was poor, with extensive graffiti and wilful damage rife throughout accommodation units. The ED BYDC advised the Inspectorate that professional maintenance works are to be brought forward, and a local painting program involving young people revived.
- A concomitant need for greater coalface monitoring of accommodation units by centre management. During consultation YJ committed to take positive action in this regard.

Monitored areas

In relation to the monitored areas, necessary improvements were identified in relation to the viewing of, and response to, CCTV footage of incidents. Inspectors brought to light footage depicting a high-risk CYDC youth apparently being used by staff as an interloper during an incident. Further concerns were identified within footage of another incident, this time involving force. During consultation the ADG YJ advised the Inspectorate that CCTV oversight functions will now be centralised.

Recommendations

The report makes two recommendations (repeated below in full) to address identified issues in relation to enhanced PPE training and de-obscuring CCTV camera lenses. The recommendations were accepted by the ADG YJ and ED BYDC.

Recommendation 1

It is recommended that expert advice is sought from QCS and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) to evaluate and provide input and advice in relation to the standard of training being provided to youth detention staff in the use of PPE for defensive purposes.

Accepted: Yes

Responsible Officer: ADG YJ



Nominated Timeframe: Decision to be taken by 30 June 2017 as to whether intermediate PPE training will be provided to selected staff (i.e. beyond the rollout of basic PPE training to accommodation and operations staff at both centres that commenced in January 2017). During subsequent inspections the Inspectorate will monitor the development and rollout of any intermediate PPE training that is committed to by YJ.

N.B. The CYDC March 2017 inspection report makes a further recommendation for cross-centre incident control training, which will necessarily flow on to BYDC. 30 June 2017 was again the agreed timeframe in which a decision will be taken by YJ as to the development of that training.

Recommendation 2

- Staff and young people be issued with a directive advising them that the covering of CCTV cameras is to cease immediately, and that further infractions will attract consequences;
- BYDC resolve the privacy curtain issue forthwith so that young people are less driven to compromise centre security by covering cameras.

Accepted: Yes

Responsible officer: ED BYDC

Nominated timeframe: The ED BYDC advised during consultation that this has now been completed.



Public Safety Business Agency

Tabled by: Ian Laker MP
 At: LACSC estimates hearing
 Time/date: 2.22pm 20-7-17
 Signature: [Signature]

	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000	2018-19 \$'000
Body Worn Video Cameras for Police	..	4,000	1,000	1,030	..

In keeping with the election commitment, the Government is providing additional funding of \$6 million over three years for improved safety equipment for police, including body-worn cameras.

	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000	2018-19 \$'000
Blue Card Efficiency Savings	(1,316)	2,500

As part of the commitment to protecting jobs, and maintaining the integrity of the Blue Card System, the Government has delivered savings of \$1.3 million in 2014-15 from ceasing the former Government's Blue Card Review and has reversed the \$2.5 million efficiency dividend that was to be sought from Blue Card Services in 2015-16. The removal of the \$2.5 million efficiency dividend from the forward estimates in 2015-16 will enable Blue Card Services to retain current staffing levels.

	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000	2018-19 \$'000
Independent Body to Publish Crime Statistics

In keeping with the election commitment, the Government is providing additional funding of \$3.1 million over three years for an independent body to publish crime statistics for all criminal offending across Queensland. This funding is to be held in a contingency pending finalisation on the details of this body, expected by the end of 2015.

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Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice – Question taken on notice

Tabled by: Attorney-General
At: 2:40pm 20 July 2017
Time/date: CACSC estimates hearing
Signature: [Signature]

Question:

What are the numbers of patrons scanned using ID scanner on Monday through to Sunday nights? Please detail each night separately.

Answer:

- The number of scans performed State-wide using the linked ID scanner system, by calendar day (ie. midnight to midnight) from 1 July to 18 July 2017, is detailed in the table below. As scanning officially commenced at 10pm on 1 July, for 1 July the figures are provided for 10pm to midnight only.

Day of the Week	Date	Scan Count
Saturday	1/07/2017	43,312
Sunday	2/07/2017	71,466
Monday	3/07/2017	10,413
Tuesday	4/07/2017	7,733
Wednesday	5/07/2017	10,001
Thursday	6/07/2017	14,352
Friday	7/07/2017	36,448
Saturday	8/07/2017	70,683
Sunday	9/07/2017	62,312
Monday	10/07/2017	7,925
Tuesday	11/07/2017	6,906
Wednesday	12/07/2017	16,663
Thursday	13/07/2017	18,742
Friday	14/07/2017	32,252
Saturday	15/07/2017	68,782
Sunday	16/07/2017	61,911
Monday	17/07/2017	8,539
Tuesday	18/07/2017	7,300
Total Scans		555,740

Note: These figures are based on data received from approved operators and should be treated as an estimate.

20 Aug 2015

Estimates—Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Corrective Services

Member for Ecken
At: LAESC estimates hearing
Time/date: 4.19pm 20.7.17
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Mr RYAN: Point of order. I refer to standing order 183 which says that a minister may at their discretion answer a question or any part of a question asked of them or someone else. So it is within the standing orders that the minister can answer a question that has been asked at this estimates hearing.

Mr BLEIJIE: The commissioner has already answered the question.

CHAIR: Minister.

Mrs MILLER: Thank you very much, Mr Chair. I am aware of the standing orders of this parliament and I would like to thank you for asking me to answer this question. Commissioner Stewart has had a long and distinguished career of service to the people of Queensland and he has provided the Queensland Police Service with strong leadership. Like the Palaszczuk government, Commissioner Stewart's top priority is keeping Queenslanders safe and we look forward to working closely with him over the next two years. I find it very strange that the opposition at the time called the process shoddy because it was under their government that Commissioner Stewart was appointed following a merit based selection process. Commissioner Stewart was appointed by the Newman LNP government for three years with the option for a two-year reappointment. This was done in line with the Police Service Administration Act, and I consulted with the acting chair and the appointed chair of the Crime and Corruption Commission. As it was a significant appointment, like all significant appointments, I also took the commissioner's extension of the contract to the Queensland cabinet. I think it was very unfair to be asking the commissioner about the process in the first place.

CHAIR: Thank you, Minister. Member for Kawana.

Mr BLEIJIE: Commissioner, with respect to page 4 of the SDS in relation to upholding the law, I go back to questions I was asking before. I realise you cannot answer the hypotheticals so this one should be fairly easy. Have you recently or in the last few days received any complaint against the Minister for Police with respect to alleged breaches of sections of legislation?

Commissioner Stewart: Not to my knowledge.

Mr BLEIJIE: If I can talk with respect to the criminal gang legislation. You were quite a part of getting the resources but also the laws in place to make sure we tackled criminal motorcycle gangs across the state. I refer to an article in the *Courier-Mail* on Tuesday, 15 July 2014. This is in fact the article that I held up at my estimates last year with a headline '... criminal reforms pay off says Queensland's top cop'. Commissioner, acknowledging the work that the wonderful men and women in blue do across the state with respect to tackling criminal motorcycle gangs, can you confirm to the committee that, as has been placed on the record on a number of times by parliamentarians but also the Police Service, the legislation tackling criminal gangs does not just target motorcycle gangs; in fact with your help with the CCC's assistance it actually targets numerous organised crime gangs?

Commissioner Stewart: That is correct.

Mr BLEIJIE: Thank you, commissioner. And you would say, commissioner, that the work being undertaken with the police and the CCC with respect to the VLAD legislation, can you confirm that the recent conviction of a person under the VLAD legislation in fact was not a criminal motorcycle gang member but in fact drug offences?

Commissioner Stewart: That is correct.

Mr BLEIJIE: Thank you, commissioner. Does it concern you that the Attorney-General said in this chamber only a few short hours ago that the government will be repealing the criminal motorcycle gang legislation?

Commissioner Stewart: Sir, I was listening to that commentary remotely, and I understood that the point the Attorney was making was that the current government is looking at the potential to improve the previous legislation and they had written specifically into the terms of reference of the taskforce the option of a repeal of the legislation, bearing in mind that that was a policy of the government previously but on the basis that they believed that through consultation they could actually improve on it. That was my understanding of what the Attorney said.

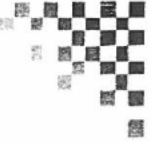
Mr BLEIJIE: In terms of the previous government, the previous government did put a statutory review into the legislation, but, with respect—not to you but to the minister—we would not have stacked the taskforce with a retired Supreme Court judge who had a few things to say about the former government and—

Mrs MILLER: Mr Chair—



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DOUGLAS JOHNSTONE BROWNE
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Browne,

I refer to your application to renew your Concealable Firearms Licence under the *Weapons Act 1990*.

The Authorised Officer has determined your application and it has been rejected in this instance.

Enclosed is a Notice of Rejection which states the reason/s for the rejection of the application and a Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009 – Information Notice.

You are required to immediately dispose of any weapons in your possession by:

1. Delivering the weapon/s to a licensed dealer, a person authorised under the *Weapons Act 1990* or any police officer, and
2. Obtaining a receipt, in the approved form (Form 8) from the person taking possession of the weapon/s. This form, together with your licence card, should be delivered personally to the Office in Charge of your local Police Station.

Any refund due to you will be forwarded in due course less a \$20.00 administrative fee as provided by the *Weapons Act 1990*.

Yours faithfully


[REDACTED]
SENIOR SERGEANT
AUTHORISED OFFICER
WEAPONS LICENSING
10 May 2017



QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE

Tabled by: Member for Eventon
At: LACSC estimates hearing
Time/date: (430pm) 20 July 2017
Signature: [Signature]

WEAPONS ACT 1990
NOTICE OF REJECTION OF APPLICATION
TO ISSUE OR RENEW LICENCE
APPLICATION No [REDACTED]

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To: DOUGLAS JOHNSTONE BROWNE
of: [REDACTED]

APPLICANT: DOUGLAS JOHNSTONE BROWNE

You are hereby notified that your application dated 16 March 2016 for the issue or renewal of a Concealable Firearms Licence is rejected.

The reason/s for rejection is/are:

The Authorised Officer is not satisfied that the applicant has shown a genuine need or reason to be issued with a Weapons Act Licence.

It is considered by the Authorised Officer that the use of a Category H weapon is not suitable and your requirements can be adequately met in another way using a weapon of another category.

Issued at BRISBANE on the 10th day of May 2017
and Authorised by [REDACTED] an Authorised Officer.

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Bunks to ease jail squeeze

EXCLUSIVE ANTHONY TEMPLETON

VIOLENT prisoners will be forced to sleep on top of each other with the State Government to install 1000 bunk beds to try to ease chronic overcrowding in the Queensland corrections system.

It comes as new figures show every prison but one – the Borallon Correctional Centre at 99 per cent capacity – is overcrowded, according a Question on Notice.

The move is designed to increase capacity by allowing two inmates to bunk together in the same cell permanently, instead of the current arrangements where a mattress is placed on the floor.

The state's 12 prisons have a capacity of 6449 beds but 7734 prisoners are packed in.

Corrections Minister Mark Ryan said the bunk beds had already started to be installed in several prisons.

"We have dedicated \$1.3 million to get the ball rolling with 450 new bunk beds currently being installed," he said.

"The bunk beds are specially designed to ensure they cannot be modified by prisoners

for use as weapons, hiding contraband or self-harming.

"Queensland Corrections will commence the bunk bed rollout at Brisbane and Lotus Glen Correctional Centres, and at the Borallon Training and Correctional Centre."

Dozens of temporary bunk beds had previously been installed in prisons but this program is the largest rollout of permanent equipment.

Mr Ryan said other measures to reduce overcrowding included the \$200 million Capricornia Correctional Centre expansion – an extra 164 beds – and business cases for expanding the Arthur Gorrie and Southern Queensland correctional centres (1600 beds).

Opposition Corrections spokesman Tim Mander said the overcrowding figures were "a damning indictment" on the State Government's ability to manage the prison system.

"It's little wonder that serious assaults against (prison) workers have increased by a staggering 200 per cent in the past year under Labor," he said.

The Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre was the most overcrowded, at 142 per cent capacity.



Violent inmate let out unguarded to attend funeral

JAIL FAIL

CHRIS MCMAHON

A VIOLENT inmate with a long criminal history was granted leave to walk out of prison unaccompanied for a family funeral.

The *Bulletin* understands the man, who was locked up at Townsville Correctional Centre for allegedly breaching parole from a previous conviction, was granted "day bail" by the courts to attend his grandmother's funeral on June 16.

Senior police sources said they had not been made aware of the arrangement.

"It is one of the most extraordinary decisions I've heard of," one officer said.

Queensland Corrective Services confirmed the day bail but would not comment further.

"In instances where a prisoner is on remand and they are given bail by a magistrate, court ordered conditions apply," a spokesman said.

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Freedom to wander

Violent offender's unaccompanied 'day bail' to attend funeral

CHRIS MCMAHON EXCLUSIVE

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The *Bulletin* understands the man, who was locked up at Townsville Correctional Centre for allegedly breaching parole conditions from a previous conviction, was granted "day bail" by the courts to attend his grandmother's funeral on June 16.

Prison sources confirmed the inmate was released at 8.30am on the understanding

he would hand himself in at the city watchhouse by 4pm. He returned without incident.

Prison sources said the usual procedure for inmates attending funerals would see prisoners accompanied by guards and possibly handcuffed the entire time.

Senior police said they had not been made aware of the arrangement.

"It is one of the most extraordinary decisions I've heard of in my many years of policing," one officer said.

Queensland Corrective Services confirmed the day bail but would not comment further, citing privacy.

"In instances where a pris-

oner is on remand and they are given bail by a magistrate, court ordered conditions apply," a spokesman said.

"QCS does not discuss the management or particulars of individual prisoners for privacy reasons.

"Persons on bail are not subject to the supervision of QCS. The decision to grant bail was made by the court."

A prison source said he could not understand why the inmate got special treatment.

"They gave him bail for the day, for the life of me I can't understand how you can do that," the source said.

"I've never heard anything like it, I was shocked.



"How would we even know he went to his grandmother's funeral? He could have done whatever he wanted, there's no way of checking it."

LNP Corrective Services spokesman Tim Mander said the potential risks for a prisoner to be released unsupervised were too high.

"I think it's totally unacceptable," he said.

"I think it goes against community expectations, the community would expect somebody with a criminal history would be escorted by trained and equipped custodial officers.

"It's more good luck than good management that the person has done the right thing."

Mr Mander said the community needed to be protected from criminals.

"When you're incarcerated, you lose privileges, the normal liberty you have in life," he said.

"I can understand on compassionate grounds that you might allow them to go to the funeral, but not unescorted, it beggars belief.

"We have to err on the side of community safety, not err on the side of the rights of prisoners and this is a classic example of that."

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Correspondence clarifying comments from hearing – 20 July 2017



Honourable Yvette D'Ath MP
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Dear Mr *Duncan* Pegg

I am pleased to have the opportunity to appear at the Parliamentary Estimates hearing before the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee (the Committee) on Thursday, 20 July 2017.

I am keen to ensure that information on the public record is as accurate and transparent as possible. Therefore, I am writing to you, as the Chair of the Committee, to seek to formally correct the record in relation to responses I provided to questions about the Justice portfolio:

1. On page 44 of transcript, there is a line of questioning where I referred to the number of new beds expected in the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre:
 - a. 'first of all, there will be 12 new beds in the building I just talked about'; and
 - b. 'there are 12 new beds'.

Clarification: I would like to clarify that a total of 16 beds are currently planned in the new building as part of the security upgrade.

2. On page 56 of the transcript, there is a sentence that reads, 'in terms of cost, we had 36 young people complete a sentenced youth boot camp program at a cost of \$13.4 million, which was calculated to be \$400,000 per completion for each individual which, as I say, had a reoffending rate of 75 per cent.'

Clarification: In terms of cost, we had 36 young people complete a sentenced youth boot camp program at a cost of \$14.3 million, which was calculated to be approximately \$400,000 per completion for each individual which, as I say, had a reoffending rate of 75 per cent.

3. On page 58 and 59 of the transcript, there is a sentence that reads, 'one charge for the offence of habitually consorting under section 77B of the Criminal Code was heard on 15 June 2017 resulting in the first successful conviction for this offence type in Queensland, which is one more conviction than I believe the LNP ever received under their VLAD laws; and 10 charges have been proffered for the new offence of wearing or carrying a prohibited item in a public place since December 2016'.

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Clarification: I would like to clarify that, with regard to the new offence of wearing or carrying a prohibited item in a public place, four convictions were recorded as at 16 June 2017.

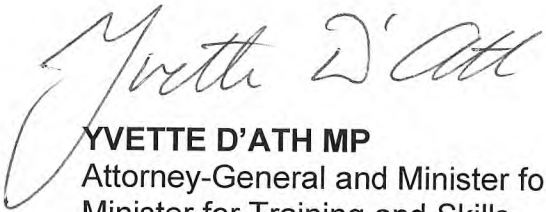
4. On page 60 of the transcript, regarding the Sentencing Advisory Council, there is a sentence that reads, 'the 2016-17 adjusted budget was 1.20 and for 2016-17 the estimated actual budget was 1.821700'.

Clarification: I would like to clarify that the Sentencing Advisory Council's 2016-17 adjusted budget was \$1.82 million and the 2016-17 estimated actual budget was \$1.8217 million.

Thank you for considering my request.

Should further information be required regarding this matter, please contact Mr James Sullivan, Chief of Staff, on (07) 3719 7407 or at: james.sullivan@ministerial.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



YVETTE D'ATH MP

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice
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Dear Committee Secretariat,

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services endorses the attached transcript from the Estimates Hearing of 20 July 2017 except for the following corrections to matters of fact:

1. Page 100, 8th paragraph – the transcript reads that the Commissioner, QFES stated there are five fire and rescue stations within a 10km radius of the PA Hospital. Please amend to read -

“However, within a 10km radius of the PA Hospital we also have 12 fire and rescue stations and 30 appliances, including six stations and 13 appliances within a 5km radius.”

2. Page 101, 10th paragraph – the transcript reads that Deputy Commissioner Smith stated overtime expenditure in 2014-15 was \$19 million. Please amend to read -

“In recent years that has increased from approximately \$19 million back in 2013-14 to the \$23.5 million in the financial year just finished.”

These proposed corrections have been endorsed by the Commissioner, QFES and Deputy Commissioner Smith.

Kind regards,

Simon Dobbie
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