

Question on Notice
No. 657
Asked on 28 August 2014

DR DOUGLAS asked the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services (MR DEMPSEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) if there has been a study into the establishment of a police station at Pacific Pines, in view of the community outgrowing its current police beat and significant population increase from 8,088 in 2003 to 18,159 in 2013 and (b) if he will consider a police station for Pacific Pines?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government has a strong plan for revitalising our frontline services for a brighter and safer future for all Queenslanders.

The Pacific Pines area is serviced by a Neighbourhood Police Beat which has an approved strength of two officers. Policing resources are also provided by both the Coomera and Nerang Police Stations.

Both of these stations have rostered patrols 24 hours a day, seven days a week. These patrolling officers are not located in stations but are out in the community responding to calls for service and providing a highly visible presence to deter and prevent crime.

The residents of Pacific Pines have access to numerous specialised policing services including the Criminal Investigation Branch, Child Protection and Investigation Unit, Road Policing Unit, Dog Squad and the Police Helicopter Unit.

Additionally, the new Rapid Action Patrols (RAP) group on the Gold Coast can and is deployed to crime hotspots in rapid response to identified issues. These officers provide vital support to communities from Coomera to Coolangatta.

This Government is committed to delivering 1,100 additional officers as part of our continued efforts to revitalise frontline services for families. So far well over 800 additional police officers have been delivered throughout the State to areas of critical need.

On 1 April 2012, the combined actual police strength or headcount for the Coomera and Nerang Police Divisions was 70 officers. As at 1 July 2014, the headcount in the area is 91 officers, showing an increase of more than 20 officers. A further twelve plain clothes investigators positions will also be added to the northern Gold Coast area in 2014-15.

Whilst there is currently no consideration for a police station at Pacific Pines, I have asked that the Queensland Police Service proactively monitor the needs of the local community.