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Mr Neil Laurie  
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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

Thank you for your letter dated 18 February 2016 about petition number 2501-15 requesting a 24 hour Police Beat at the Gold Coast University Hospital.

In order to address to the issues raised in the petition, I sought advice from the Queensland Police Service (QPS). I acknowledge the significant infrastructure growth in the hospital precinct, including the new private hospital, Commonwealth Games Village and Griffith University.

I am advised that the hospital is currently serviced by a QPS Hospital Liaison Officer, based on the premises, to undertake a wide range of policing duties. A residential police beat also operates in Arundel and this designated beat area borders the hospital precinct.

The hospital precinct falls within the Southport Police Division, which has 100 approved permanent police officer positions. The Southport Police Station operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In addition, personnel from other stations and units, including the Gold Coast Rapid Action Patrol Group, are available to respond to local issues as necessary.

Any calls for service relating to the hospital, or other locations, are dealt with in accordance with the QPS priority policing model which means that in a high priority situation, any available officer can be tasked to respond.

The specific allocation of police resources is determined by the Commissioner following a detailed assessment of area growth, crime and safety issues, calls for service, new or emerging issues and facility requirements.

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The QPS is constantly reviewing the options available to ensure the best possible service is provided to the communities of Queensland, including those in the Southport and Arundel areas.

If you require further information, Ms Ellen McIntyre, Chief of Staff, is available on telephone (07) 3035 8300.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



The Honourable Bill Byrne MP  
**Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and  
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