

**Question on Notice
No. 1048
Asked on 2 September 2004**

MR JOHNSON asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the Government's commitment in the 2004-05 Budget of \$10M in new funding over three years for operational support for police, such as training and equipment -

- (1) How much of this funding has been budgeted for police training in each of 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07, by type of training program (reported separately)?
- (2) How much of this funding has been budgeted for police equipment in each of 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07, by type of equipment, including, but not restricted to radios, mobile telephones and safety equipment such as bullet resistant vests (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

The \$10 million allocation is being utilised to support the Service's commitment to providing additional training and the acquisition of new and replacement operational equipment.

- (1) The additional budget allocation for training will be used for:
 - the further development of Queensland Police Service training programs to improve the Service's management capacity, particularly the ability of its members to deal with critical incidents should they occur and to provide local solutions to practical policing problems;
 - the enhancement of policing skills training for recruits. The Policing Skills Program provides driver training, firearms and officer safety training and police operational skills and tactics training; and
 - the further development and expansion of programs designed to more effectively engage indigenous people in the direct delivery of policing services in Queensland.
- (2) A significant investment is planned for operational equipment acquisitions by regions over the three year period for items such as: telephone communications; radio communications; electronic recording equipment; protective body armour; and breath analysis devices.

In 2004-05, the \$10 million allocation will allow for further operational equipment purchases and funding has also been provided to Operations Support Command for whole-of-Service equipment acquisitions including: electronic recording systems; digital radios; and radio communications.