

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1106**  
**Asked on 29 September 2004**

MR ROBERTS asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the Boondall Tactical Crime Squad

Will she provide (a) details of the geographical area covered by the Squad, (b) details on the type of work undertaken by the Squad, and (c) results from the work performed by the Squad to date?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for his interest in this matter.

- (a) The North Brisbane Police District Tactical Crime Squad, based at Boondall, operates in the North Brisbane District (covering an area bounded by the suburbs of Sandgate and Bald Hills to the north; Boondall, Nudgee, and Brisbane Airport to the east; Eagle Farm, Hamilton, Albion, Windsor, and Wilston to the south; and The Grange, Stafford, and Aspley to the west) and Pine Rivers District (covering the suburbs of Petrie, Strathpine, Kallangur, Cashmere, Albany Creek, Eaton's Hill, and town of Dayboro).
- (b) The Squad relies on intelligence to focus its activities. It works with investigative police, particularly targeting property and unlawful entry offences. It also provides 'static surveillance' and assists 'first response' policing in both Districts. In addition, it has supported operations in the North Coast District. The following activities are examples of the type of work the Squad undertakes:
- An investigation in which an adult and a juvenile were suspected of armed robberies against banks in Redcliffe. This involved the Squad in providing static surveillance at a particular address, resulting in the suspects being located and later charged by Redcliffe detectives with armed robbery and drug offences.
  - An investigation in North Brisbane District in respect to the supply of amphetamines. Twelve people were charged with drug trafficking and other offences.
  - An investigation in North Brisbane and Pine Rivers Districts into the break and enters in a number of pharmacy outlets. This investigation involved a range of police units and resulted in 32 people being charged with 193 property and drug offences.

- (c) The Squad became operational in March 2004. Altogether, it has dealt with 400 people on 597 offences the majority of which have been drug-related. Members of the Squad have also been responsible for intercepting 841 suspects. Many of these interceptions have led to successful drug and property operations. The Tactical Crime Squads rely heavily on developing networks within the community to assist them in the performance of their duties.