

**Question on Notice
No. 206
Asked on 27 April 2004**

MRS SULLIVAN asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE) -

QUESTION:

How effective has the introduction in 2002 of a permanent police presence been in Beachmere?

ANSWER:

Neighbourhood Police Beats are a Government-funded policing initiative aimed at providing the people of Queensland with an effective policing presence in urban situations.

The Beachmere Police Beat covers the township of Beachmere which includes the local business district, a state school, and urban and rural residential areas. The Beat extends north to Peel Road, east to the coastline of Deception Bay, west to Goong Creek, and south to Caboolture River.

The Beachmere Police Beat commenced operation on 12 March 2003 when a Senior Constable took up residency.

The beat officer soon became accepted by the community and became involved with local community organisations and the local school.

The beat officer is responsible for all calls for service during that officer's rostered shifts within the area. All after-hours calls are attended by Caboolture Station.

A perusal of the Redcliffe Incident Management System for the Beachmere Police Beat indicates that approximately 630 calls for service were received between 26 May 2003 and 26 May 2004. These calls for service primarily were for property offences, disturbances and traffic matters.

The beat officer supports a very active Neighbourhood Watch program centred on Beachmere. Projects implemented at the Beat include property engraving, collaboration with the Caboolture Shire Council to improve safety at the local skate park (e.g. improved lighting); forming a partnership with local liquor outlets to address underage drinking; and a road safety and personal safety program at the Beachmere State School.

The Police Service has monitored the Neighbourhood Beat and is pleased to report that its establishment has had a positive response from the community.

