

**Question on Notice
No. 657
Asked on 16 June 2004**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to a Tactical Crime Squad which was recently established at Redcliffe -
Will she provide:

- (a) advice on the number and types of charges which have been laid by officers from the State's Tactical Crime Squads,
- (b) details on any property recovered through the squads and
- (c) details on the geographical area which will be covered by the new Redcliffe Tactical Crime Squad?

ANSWER:

The Tactical Crime Squads are an innovative move to tackle crime as part of the Beattie Government's ongoing commitment to strengthen the capacity of the Queensland Police Service to get tough on crime and the causes of crime.

Tactical Crime Squads provide a highly visible, proactive, intelligence driven, operational policing response. In doing this, the Squads provide investigative and operational activities which support district policing strategies.

The major functions of the Squads include:

- Investigating all types of criminal offences, with an emphasis on property crime and possession and supply of drugs offences;
- Providing assistance to local detectives and, depending on the needs of the community, conducting district-based special operations;
- Providing an increased, highly visible police presence;
- Undertaking proactive policing and research into crime problems in their local area, identifying particular issues and creating specific policing strategies to address them; and
- Enhancing the Service's capacity to respond to crime hotspots and good order/street offences that are of concern to local communities.

The Queensland Police Service is currently implementing a framework that will support consistent data collection by the 16 Tactical Crime Squads throughout Queensland. In future, this will allow the Service to provide consolidated and consistent advice in relation to the activities of Tactical Crime Squads throughout the State.

At present, data is collected locally by individual squads. As such, State-wide figures are not available. As this question has been asked with reference to the Redcliffe Tactical Crime Squad, data has only been presented in respect of that Squad's activities.

- (a) On 22 May 2004, the Redcliffe District Tactical Crime Squad commenced operations. During the period 22 May 2004 to 21 June 2004, the squad charged 47 offenders with a total of 115 offences. A breakdown of these charges is as follows:

| Offence Type | Offences Charged |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Stealing | 4 |
| Receiving Stolen Property | 2 |
| Driving without Due Care & Attention | 1 |
| Wilful Damage of Property | 5 |
| Assaults | 1 |
| Drug Offences | 44 |
| Possession of Tainted Property | 2 |
| Disqualified Driving | 8 |
| Unlicensed Driving | 5 |
| Unregistered Vehicle | 6 |
| Uninsured Vehicle | 6 |
| Other Traffic | 10 |
| Drink Drive | 2 |
| Public Nuisance | 2 |
| Obstruct Police | 2 |
| Contravene Direction/Requirement | 5 |
| Breach of Domestic Violence Order | 1 |
| Warrants | 5 |
| Robbery with violence | 1 |
| Breach of Bail | 1 |
| Enter premises and commit | 1 |
| Drunk | 1 |
| Total | 115 |

- (b) The Redcliffe Tactical Crime Squad has seized a quantity of property including Queensland registration number plates, stereo equipment, personal identification and assorted personal cards and power tools.
- (c) The area covered by the Redcliffe Tactical Crime Squad encompasses the entire Redcliffe Police District covering the Police Divisions of Redcliffe, Deception Bay, Caboolture, Bribie Island, Woodford, Kilcoy and Moore.

NOTE DISCLAIMER – These statistics cannot be centrally verified by the Queensland Police Service as they are collated from the job logs of the Redcliffe Tactical Crime Squad.