

Question on Notice
No. 837
Asked on 18 August 2004

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

QUESTION:

Will she provide details of the "tag directory" which has been established to help identify graffiti offenders and briefly outline other ways the Queensland Police Service is helping combat the problem of graffiti.

ANSWER:

The Queensland Police Railway Squad has a unit of dedicated staff whose role is to target criminal offences such as graffiti on the Citytrain network.

The unit maintains the Railway Squad's database of graffiti tags that have been used on the rail network. Most of the information on the database is received from Railway Squad members. However, regional police also provide information for entry on the database.

The database is an intelligence tool designed to enhance the investigation and detection of offenders for graffiti offences. It is available to all police through the Queensland Police Service's Intranet.

Members of the Railway Squad undertake regular safety audits of railway property, particularly focussing on using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategies to identify environmental, structural and engineering changes designed to prevent further graffiti offences.

The Queensland Police Service also participates in a Graffiti Removal Project with the Brisbane City Council. Through Neighbourhood Watch programs graffiti removal kits are provided for participants to remove graffiti as it occurs.

