

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 529**  
**Asked on 20 April, 2005**

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

**QUESTION:**

With reference to assaults on police officers and her previous response to Question on Notice No. 1001, asked on 1 September 2004 by the Leader of the Opposition -

Will she provide the following details for each police district for each of the 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 (reported separately) the total number of police for each year in each district who (a) suffered assault (PPRA), (b) suffered common-assaults, (c) suffered serious assaults, (d) were subjected to assault occasioning bodily harm, (e) suffered wounding and (f) were subjected to assault occasioning grievous bodily harm?

**ANSWER:**

The attached table details the number of police officers who were victims of assault during the 2001/03, 2002/03, 2003/04 financial years, as well as 1997/1998 under the Borbidge Coalition Government. Verified 2004/05 figures are not yet available.

These figures have been provided for each of the police districts and for Queensland as a whole.

**Number of Reported Assaults on Police for All Police Districts  
1997/98, 2001/02 and 2002/03 Financial Years**

| Police District   | 1997/98   |          |                                       |                                |                   |                           |                          | 2001/02   |          |                                       |                                |                   |                           |                          |
|-------------------|---|----------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---|----------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
|                   | Grievous Assault                                  |          | Serious Assault                       |                                | Common Assault    |                           |                          | Grievous Assault                                  |          | Serious Assault                       |                                | Common Assault    |                           |                          |
|                   | Assault<br>occasioning<br>grievous<br>bodily harm | Wounding | Assault<br>Occasioning<br>bodily harm | Assault,<br>serious<br>(other) | Assault<br>common | Assault,<br>minor (other) | Assault police<br>(PPRA) | Assault<br>occasioning<br>grievous<br>bodily harm | Wounding | Assault<br>Occasioning<br>bodily harm | Assault,<br>serious<br>(other) | Assault<br>common | Assault,<br>minor (other) | Assault police<br>(PPRA) |
| Cairns            | 1   | 0        | 15                                    | 61                             | 2                 | 0                         | 150                      | 1   | 2        | 9                                     | 82                             | 3                 | 0                         | 167                      |
| Innisfail         | 0   | 0        | 2                                     | 13                             | 1                 | 0                         | 19                       | 0   | 0        | 1                                     | 10                             | 1                 | 0                         | 48                       |
| Mareeba           | 0   | 0        | 1                                     | 11                             | 1                 | 0                         | 60                       | 0   | 0        | 3                                     | 17                             | 0                 | 0                         | 56                       |
| Mount Isa         | 0   | 0        | 10                                    | 40                             | 2                 | 1                         | 137                      | 1   | 0        | 1                                     | 57                             | 4                 | 0                         | 111                      |
| Townsville        | 1   | 1        | 20                                    | 33                             | 3                 | 0                         | 137                      | 0   | 0        | 6                                     | 43                             | 6                 | 1                         | 140                      |
| Gladstone         | 1   | 0        | 2                                     | 8                              | 1                 | 0                         | 40                       | 0   | 0        | 2                                     | 15                             | 1                 | 0                         | 87                       |
| Longreach         | 0   | 0        | 0                                     | 1                              | 0                 | 0                         | 10                       | 0   | 0        | 1                                     | 1                              | 2                 | 0                         | 4                        |
| Mackay            | 0   | 0        | 2                                     | 8                              | 1                 | 0                         | 108                      | 0   | 0        | 0                                     | 20                             | 1                 | 0                         | 86                       |
| Rockhampton       | 0   | 0        | 11                                    | 32                             | 4                 | 0                         | 112                      | 0   | 0        | 5                                     | 28                             | 0                 | 0                         | 73                       |
| Bundaberg         | 0   | 0        | 2                                     | 8                              | 0                 | 0                         | 31                       | 0   | 1        | 7                                     | 10                             | 0                 | 0                         | 30                       |
| Gympie            | 0   | 0        | 7                                     | 14                             | 2                 | 0                         | 51                       | 0   | 0        | 5                                     | 20                             | 1                 | 0                         | 68                       |
| Maryborough       | 0   | 0        | 4                                     | 14                             | 1                 | 0                         | 81                       | 0   | 0        | 4                                     | 20                             | 1                 | 0                         | 80                       |
| Redcliffe         | 0   | 1        | 1                                     | 9                              | 2                 | 0                         | 64                       | 0   | 0        | 1                                     | 20                             | 0                 | 0                         | 107                      |
| Sunshine Coast    | 0   | 0        | 2                                     | 10                             | 0                 | 0                         | 62                       | 0   | 0        | 5                                     | 31                             | 2                 | 0                         | 86                       |
| Charleville       | 0   | 0        | 2                                     | 3                              | 1                 | 0                         | 25                       | 0   | 0        | 0                                     | 8                              | 1                 | 0                         | 10                       |
| Dalby             | 0   | 0        | 0                                     | 2                              | 0                 | 0                         | 16                       | 0   | 0        | 1                                     | 1                              | 0                 | 0                         | 18                       |
| Ipswich           | 0   | 1        | 8                                     | 34                             | 2                 | 0                         | 83                       | 0   | 0        | 1                                     | 31                             | 4                 | 0                         | 95                       |
| Roma              | 0   | 0        | 0                                     | 3                              | 0                 | 0                         | 28                       | 0   | 0        | 2                                     | 9                              | 2                 | 0                         | 32                       |
| Toowoomba         | 0   | 0        | 1                                     | 13                             | 1                 | 0                         | 52                       | 0   | 0        | 2                                     | 18                             | 3                 | 0                         | 59                       |
| Warwick           | 0   | 0        | 1                                     | 1                              | 2                 | 0                         | 31                       | 0   | 0        | 2                                     | 6                              | 1                 | 0                         | 24                       |
| Logan             | 0   | 0        | 4                                     | 18                             | 1                 | 0                         | 96                       | 0   | 0        | 5                                     | 32                             | 1                 | 0                         | 122                      |
| Gold Coast        | 0   | 0        | 8                                     | 39                             | 3                 | 0                         | 241                      | 2   | 0        | 9                                     | 75                             | 1                 | 0                         | 214                      |
| Brisbane Central  | 0   | 0        | 6                                     | 21                             | 1                 | 0                         | 56                       | 1   | 1        | 0                                     | 25                             | 7                 | 0                         | 87                       |
| Brisbane West     | 0   | 0        | 0                                     | 0                              | 0                 | 0                         | 0                        | 0   | 0        | 3                                     | 2                              | 0                 | 0                         | 6                        |
| North Brisbane    | 0   | 0        | 1                                     | 4                              | 0                 | 0                         | 27                       | 0   | 0        | 4                                     | 21                             | 2                 | 0                         | 39                       |
| Pine Rivers       | 0   | 0        | 0                                     | 0                              | 0                 | 0                         | 0                        | 0   | 0        | 0                                     | 1                              | 0                 | 0                         | 2                        |
| Oxley             | 0   | 0        | 2                                     | 13                             | 0                 | 0                         | 65                       | 0   | 0        | 3                                     | 27                             | 0                 | 0                         | 73                       |
| South Brisbane    | 0   | 0        | 5                                     | 24                             | 1                 | 1                         | 139                      | 0   | 0        | 7                                     | 37                             | 0                 | 0                         | 99                       |
| Wynnum            | 0   | 0        | 3                                     | 15                             | 2                 | 0                         | 53                       | 0   | 0        | 1                                     | 28                             | 0                 | 0                         | 54                       |
| <b>Queensland</b> | <b>3</b>  | <b>3</b> | <b>155</b>                            | <b>514</b>                     | <b>41</b>         | <b>2</b>                  | <b>2280</b>              | <b>6</b>  | <b>4</b> | <b>101</b>                            | <b>771</b>                     | <b>53</b>         | <b>1</b>                  | <b>2392</b>              |

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**Number of Reported Assaults on Police for All Police Districts  
1997/98, 2001/02 and 2002/03 Financial Years**

| Police District   | 2002/03                                  |          |                                 |                          |                |                        | 2003/04               |  |                 |                                 |                          |                |                        |                       |
|-------------------|--|----------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|                   | Grievous Assault                         |          | Serious Assault                 |                          | Common Assault |                        | Grievous Assault      |  | Serious Assault |                                 | Common Assault           |                |                        |                       |
|                   | Assault occasioning grievous bodily harm | Wounding | Assault Occasioning bodily harm | Assault, serious (other) | Assault common | Assault, minor (other) | Assault police (PPRA) | Assault occasioning grievous bodily harm | Wounding        | Assault Occasioning bodily harm | Assault, serious (other) | Assault common | Assault, minor (other) | Assault police (PPRA) |
| Cairns            | 0  | 0        | 2                               | 64                       | 1              | 0                      | 173                   | 0  | 1               | 6                               | 58                       | 8              | 0                      | 210                   |
| Innisfail         | 0  | 0        | 1                               | 13                       | 0              | 0                      | 34                    | 0  | 0               | 1                               | 10                       | 1              | 0                      | 15                    |
| Mareeba           | 0  | 0        | 0                               | 3                        | 1              | 0                      | 35                    | 0  | 0               | 2                               | 9                        | 3              | 0                      | 56                    |
| Mount Isa         | 0  | 0        | 6                               | 27                       | 6              | 0                      | 154                   | 0  | 0               | 4                               | 39                       | 3              | 0                      | 120                   |
| Townsville        | 0  | 0        | 5                               | 70                       | 6              | 0                      | 193                   | 0  | 0               | 1                               | 48                       | 1              | 0                      | 151                   |
| Gladstone         | 1  | 0        | 2                               | 10                       | 1              | 0                      | 73                    | 0  | 0               | 1                               | 14                       | 1              | 0                      | 74                    |
| Longreach         | 0  | 0        | 0                               | 1                        | 0              | 0                      | 6                     | 0  | 0               | 0                               | 1                        | 0              | 0                      | 9                     |
| Mackay            | 0  | 0        | 0                               | 23                       | 2              | 0                      | 98                    | 0  | 0               | 1                               | 25                       | 0              | 0                      | 98                    |
| Rockhampton       | 1  | 0        | 10                              | 42                       | 2              | 0                      | 102                   | 0  | 0               | 4                               | 42                       | 3              | 0                      | 123                   |
| Bundaberg         | 0  | 0        | 1                               | 14                       | 0              | 0                      | 38                    | 0  | 0               | 2                               | 11                       | 0              | 0                      | 44                    |
| Gympie            | 0  | 0        | 1                               | 32                       | 2              | 0                      | 75                    | 0  | 0               | 1                               | 17                       | 0              | 0                      | 93                    |
| Maryborough       | 0  | 0        | 1                               | 15                       | 1              | 0                      | 53                    | 0  | 0               | 1                               | 10                       | 1              | 0                      | 44                    |
| Redcliffe         | 1  | 0        | 3                               | 25                       | 5              | 0                      | 97                    | 0  | 0               | 3                               | 22                       | 0              | 0                      | 95                    |
| Sunshine Coast    | 0  | 0        | 4                               | 30                       | 2              | 0                      | 120                   | 0  | 0               | 1                               | 38                       | 3              | 0                      | 91                    |
| Charleville       | 0  | 0        | 2                               | 10                       | 1              | 0                      | 24                    | 0  | 0               | 1                               | 15                       | 1              | 0                      | 12                    |
| Dalby             | 0  | 0        | 0                               | 12                       | 1              | 0                      | 24                    | 0  | 0               | 1                               | 3                        | 0              | 0                      | 16                    |
| Ipswich           | 1  | 0        | 7                               | 38                       | 0              | 0                      | 74                    | 1  | 0               | 4                               | 41                       | 1              | 0                      | 97                    |
| Roma              | 0  | 0        | 0                               | 5                        | 0              | 0                      | 30                    | 0  | 0               | 1                               | 6                        | 1              | 0                      | 36                    |
| Toowoomba         | 0  | 0        | 4                               | 22                       | 4              | 0                      | 81                    | 0  | 0               | 2                               | 16                       | 0              | 0                      | 89                    |
| Warwick           | 1  | 0        | 0                               | 11                       | 1              | 0                      | 17                    | 0  | 0               | 1                               | 9                        | 1              | 0                      | 30                    |
| Logan             | 0  | 0        | 5                               | 58                       | 3              | 0                      | 117                   | 0  | 0               | 1                               | 43                       | 1              | 0                      | 94                    |
| Gold Coast        | 0  | 0        | 9                               | 86                       | 3              | 0                      | 319                   | 0  | 0               | 13                              | 78                       | 5              | 0                      | 248                   |
| Brisbane Central  | 0  | 0        | 11                              | 68                       | 4              | 0                      | 241                   | 0  | 0               | 11                              | 66                       | 12             | 0                      | 269                   |
| Brisbane West     | 0  | 0        | 3                               | 8                        | 1              | 0                      | 30                    | 0  | 0               | 5                               | 15                       | 0              | 0                      | 46                    |
| North Brisbane    | 0  | 0        | 3                               | 17                       | 4              | 0                      | 94                    | 0  | 0               | 3                               | 27                       | 6              | 0                      | 102                   |
| Pine Rivers       | 0  | 0        | 5                               | 4                        | 4              | 0                      | 32                    | 0  | 0               | 0                               | 11                       | 2              | 0                      | 24                    |
| Oxley             | 0  | 0        | 3                               | 22                       | 0              | 0                      | 38                    | 0  | 0               | 0                               | 23                       | 1              | 0                      | 74                    |
| South Brisbane    | 0  | 0        | 6                               | 48                       | 4              | 0                      | 131                   | 1  | 1               | 1                               | 34                       | 5              | 0                      | 109                   |
| Wynnum            | 0  | 0        | 3                               | 16                       | 1              | 0                      | 28                    | 0  | 0               | 1                               | 22                       | 2              | 0                      | 32                    |
| <b>Queensland</b> | <b>5</b>                                 | <b>0</b> | <b>97</b>                       | <b>794</b>               | <b>60</b>      | <b>0</b>               | <b>2531</b>           | <b>2</b>                                 | <b>2</b>        | <b>73</b>                       | <b>753</b>               | <b>62</b>      | <b>0</b>               | <b>2501</b>           |

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