

**Question on Notice
No. 706
Asked on 12 May 2005**

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

QUESTION:

Will she provide details of the results of a recent operation undertaken by police from the Queensland Police Service and New South Wales, targeting motorists crossing the border?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government welcomes and supports the Queensland Police Service's recent lead role in a combined Queensland/New South Wales police and multi-agency cross border enforcement campaign covering the period 29 April 2005 to 1 May 2005.

The operation was of mutual benefit to both the Queensland and New South Wales Police and an example of the continuing strong working relationship between both services.

This latest joint traffic campaign also included inspectors and investigators from Australian Customs, Queensland Transport and Centrelink, and received logistical support from the State Emergency Service.

The campaign was undertaken by police general duties officers being supported through specialist units such as traffic branch, crime squads and plain clothes officers.

The joint Queensland and New South Wales Police Service campaign resulted in the interception of approximately 7,500 motorists.

Of these:

- 580 traffic infringement notices were issued (341 in Queensland) and 84 persons were arrested on 110 traffic related charges; and
- 84 persons were arrested on 138 criminal and drug related charges (42 persons on 91 charges in Queensland).

The Queensland Police Service will continue to work with other States, a range of government agencies and other key stakeholders in order to combat crime and other identified policing problems.