Question on Notice
No. 1365
Asked on Wednesday 1 November 2006

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

QUESTION:

Will she outline the changes to the work of community corrections in Logan City?

ANSWER:

In the recent organisational restructure of community corrections priority was given to realigning the new Probation and Parole Service boundaries with Queensland Police Service boundaries. An additional four regions have been created across the State and Logan City Probation and Parole District Office is now located within the South Coast region which also includes Southport, Burleigh Heads and Beenleigh.

The most recent change across the State has been the establishment of a new senior management structure for Probation and Parole. The Logan City District Manager position was recently upgraded to a higher classification and two new Supervisor positions have been established and appointed at Logan City.

Logan City will receive additional resourcing by July 2007 when the remainder of the State implements the new model of offender management. It is at this time the roles and functions of the district office staff will change. Probation and Parole Officers specialist roles will include assessment, case management, reporting and compliance.

Specialisation and streamlining of Probation and Parole Officers roles will reduce the complexity of an officer's responsibilities, and improve efficiency, transparency and accountability.

The new service provides greater specialisation and career path opportunities for officers, supported by a more robust framework for the supervision of offenders.

A dedicated Intelligence Analyst will be established at Logan City district office in January 2007. The Logan City district office will be relocating into a new Government facility in March 2007 in preparedness for the expansion of staffing in the new Probation and Parole model.

The establishment of the Ipswich Hub will also enhance the capacity for program delivery at Logan City district office.