

**Question on Notice
No. 423
Asked on 29 March 2006**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Safety House Association of Queensland –

(1) Advise of future directions for Safety House Associations of Queensland?

ANSWER:

(1) The Queensland Police Service provides support for the Safety House Association Queensland of around \$110,000.00 per year. This support is 'in kind' and includes:

- the provision of premises located at Newmarket for use by the Association's State Office;
- a full time police officer to perform the State Liaison Officer role;
- support from regional police as required;
- printing costs of the quarterly 'Letterbox' newsletter; and
- postage costs for the mail out of the newsletter.

Other Government departments also provide support.

(2) The association is an independent body and is separate from the Queensland Police Service (QPS). It is managed by a committee of state-wide volunteers and employs one part-time administration officer.

(3) The QPS has worked in partnership with the Safety House Program since its inception, to assist in meeting the common objective of providing a safer community.

(4) With reference to future directions, Ms Tricia Judd, President of Safety House Association of Queensland, advises that the association will periodically assess its performance against the Australian Business Framework of Excellence document.

(5) The Safety House Association of Queensland has also developed a Risk and Issue Management document which identifies and reduces risks by providing preventative or contingency directions.

(6) The Safety House Association of Queensland's Strategic Plan 2006 – 2008, which outlines future directions of the Safety House Association of Queensland.

This strategic plan delivers five objectives which include:

- (i) Improving the quality and quantity of communication within the Safety House community, Government Departments and the wider community;
- (ii) Improving the quality and quantity of education within the community;
- (iii) Improving and stimulating innovative management;
- (iv) Making Safety House Association of Queensland financially self sufficient; and

(v) Embracing change to enhance structures, administration and service delivery of Association.

(7) It is envisaged that there will be a workshop presentation relating to future directions at the Safety House Association of Queensland State Conference in 2006