

**Question on Notice
No. 679
Asked on Wednesday 10 May 2006**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to -

- (1) Will the Minister clarify the role of School Based Police Officers and where they are currently based in Queensland?

ANSWER

The School Based Policing Program is a collaborative approach between the Queensland Police Service and Education Queensland directed at achieving community-police partnerships. A major aim of the program is to promote positive relationships between the school community and police. The Program endeavours to enhance schooling by helping to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. School Based Police Officers coordinate and liaise with relevant agencies regarding students' welfare, counsel students and provide advice to parents.

The Queensland Police Service currently has 35 School Based Police Officer positions servicing 47 schools throughout Queensland.

Sixteen of these latest positions are part of this Government's election commitment to be implemented over a three year period to 2006 as part of the "Safe and Healthy Schools" policy. The distribution of these positions is equally shared throughout Queensland's eight Police Regions.

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