

**Question on Notice
No. 690
Asked on Wednesday 10 May 2006**

Mr WALLACE asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE) -

QUESTION:

As this month is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month –

Will she detail ways the Queensland Police Service is working with local community organisations to help victims of domestic violence and to educate the perpetrators to reduce recidivism?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government's 2005-06 Budget allocated an additional \$3.75 million over four years to enhance and establish services for male perpetrators of domestic and family violence.

Domestic Violence Prevention Month aims to change the attitude of those Queenslanders who believe abuse and/or violence in a relationship is acceptable.

The main focus of the month is to encourage people who are violent and/or abusive in their relationships to acknowledge and take responsibility for their behaviour, and seek help.

The Queensland Police Service has a statutory responsibility to preserve peace and good order and prevent, detect and investigate breaches of the law. The Service is committed to using problem solving approaches in partnership with the people of Queensland to reduce domestic and family violence and help victims and perpetrators of domestic violence.

The Fax-Back project, initiated as a trial in a small area of south eastern Queensland in 1991, began with police referring victims of domestic violence to one community agency for additional services and support.

The success of the original trial has seen the QPS expand Fax-Back in various forms state-wide to include child referral, indigenous projects, adolescent healing groups and perpetrator referral. This year, the Queensland Police Service was the recipient of several of the Government's Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Awards including the Brisbane Metropolitan North Region Co-ordinated Fax-Back Response to Domestic and Family Violence and the Townsville-Thuringowa Anna Rina Rose Project.

In areas with established perpetrator programs, police prosecutors are requesting that Magistrate include a condition requiring the respondent to attend a perpetrator program when sentencing for a relevant offence or when issuing a Protection Order.