

**Question on Notice
No. 817
Asked on Wednesday 24 May 2006**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to recent complaints from Yeppoon residents, will she advise if local police are taking any action to make footpaths in the Yeppoon central business district area safer for pedestrians?

ANSWER:

I am advised Yeppoon police regularly conduct targeted foot patrols of the Yeppoon Central Business District (CBD) to deter and detect antisocial behaviour that may cause concern to the residents and business owners of Yeppoon.

In addition to the provisions of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management-Road Rules) Regulation 1999*, the local Livingstone Shire Council by-laws include offences relating to riding bicycles or other wheeled recreation devices, such as skateboards, on footpaths within the Yeppoon CBD. Joint patrols by police and council by-laws officers are planned to target these offences.

In addition to this initiative, the officer in charge of Yeppoon police will include an article in his next monthly column in the Capricorn Coast Mirror newspaper focusing on this issue. The issue will also be addressed in local school newsletters and by adopt-a-cops at their respective schools.

On 24 May 2006 Yeppoon police met with representatives of Livingstone Shire Council and it was agreed that a Community Consultative Committee would be re-established to provide a forum whereby issues of concern can be discussed and appropriate strategies implemented.