

Question on Notice
No. 965
Asked on Tuesday, 6 June 2006

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

QUESTION:

What police initiatives are in place to help commuters ensure the safety of their vehicles when parked in railway station or bus station car parks?

ANSWER:

By applying a problem solving approach, in partnership with the community and other organisations, the Queensland Police Service has implemented a number of initiatives to assist commuters to improve the safety of their vehicles when parked at railway station or bus station car parks.

These initiatives include conducting 'Safety Audits' and applying 'Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design' principles, which look at the design aspects of car parks and how simple modifications can add to their security.

Partnerships with QR Passenger Security Analysis and Strategies Unit and with Local Government Authorities, have resulted in car parks receiving additional lighting, CCTV systems, improved fencing, and signage reminding commuters to remove valuables from their vehicles.

The Queensland Police Service, through the Railway Squad, Police Beats, Police Shopfronts, District Crime Prevention Officers, and Volunteers in Policing, patrol railway and bus station car parks issuing 'Lock It or Lose It' information sheets to assist in increasing commuter knowledge of vehicle security.

Additionally, the Queensland Police Service promotes public awareness of vehicle safety strategies by distributing an information brochure on 'Motor Vehicle Security' which is available from all police stations, police beats and police shopfronts. The brochure can also be accessed and downloaded from the Queensland Police Service website. This brochure is further distributed through police presentations on vehicle security, for example at Neighbourhood Watch meetings.

Officers from local police stations and the Railway Squad also conduct intelligence driven patrols of railway and bus station car parks.