

Question on Notice
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Asked on Tuesday, 6 June 2006

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the introduction of the new police computer system in QPRIME – How will the system assist police in solving crime in Queensland?

ANSWER:

QPRIME is a state-of-the art information management system which will give police a greater capacity to detect, prevent and solve crimes in Queensland.

When fully implemented, QPRIME will replace more than 234 systems and indices currently in use and will become the core operational system for the QPS.

It will provide an improved ability to solve crime incidents by providing faster access to a single source of quality information.

Previously police had to search multiple systems and manual records to access the information they needed.

For the first time, police will have immediate access to more than 350,000 mug shots, 470,000 offender entries, digital boundary maps and advanced geographical information systems in an integrated system.

QPRIME will significantly reduce paperwork, data entry and time consuming information searches. But most importantly, QPRIME is designed to support crime-fighting from a state-wide perspective.

Police will be able to identify crime hot spots, monitor persons of interest and information about offenders and also study crime trends from a whole-of-Queensland perspective.

QPRIME's introduction will reduce the number of 'information silos' across the Service, providing police with access to information and intelligence holdings, no matter their location.

This could mean, for example, that if a person of interest to Bundaberg police is stop-checked by police in Cairns, police will be immediately alerted and this information will be recorded. Also, police have immediate access to relevant information about this person including photograph, appropriate warnings, previous addresses and known associates.

QPRIME will also enable police to capture and share information with other agencies including Queensland's Integrated Justice Information Strategy, Transport Registration and Integrated Licensing System and national databases such as CrimTrac and the Australian Criminal Intelligence Database.

QPRIME is a single integrated policing solution being implemented in three phases.

Phase 1, which will be completed by the end of June 2006, will allow police state-wide to manage a number of key incident types which will include intelligence submissions, Crime Stoppers files, street/stop checks, missing persons, coronial, traffic crashes and traffic/marine complaints.

In Phase 2, due to be completed by late 2007, all crime and property will be completely managed through the QPRIME system, including custody, prosecutions and court results.

Phase 3 may include the integration of warrants management, internal investigations, liquor licensing and mobile technologies.