

**Question on Notice  
No. 253  
Asked on Thursday 22 February 2007**

**MRS SCOTT** asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE)-

QUESTION:

How is the Community Service Program benefiting the Logan Community?

ANSWER:

The Logan City Probation and Parole district office currently manages nine active community service sites in the greater Logan community and the region receives benefits from community service in different forms.

From 1 March 2006 to 1 March 2007, 17 575 hours of community service hours were completed in Logan valued at \$263 625 to the community.

Community service also benefits the Logan community by providing workers to assist non-profit, Government and community organisations in meeting the needs of the community.

The greater Logan community has a number of significant community service sites. The Logan Smart Tip utilises up to 38 workers, both male and female who are employed in the recycling of scrap metals, litter patrols, cardboard compacting, mowing and assisting the general public at the tip face.

Another major site is the Lifeline Super Shop at Loganholme. This site utilises up to five workers per day, both male and female who perform tasks such as the sorting of donated clothing, loading and unloading of trucks, cleaning donated furniture and collect donated items from roadside collection bins. Many items are resold back to the general public to support the Logan community.

The St Vincent De Paul Society at Woodridge has been operating in the Logan area since 1989. It provides work for community service workers five days per week for male workers who are required to assist truck drivers in unloading and loading trucks of furniture and general maintenance within the warehouse. Females are required to work sorting clothes on a conveyor belt and then placing them in required bins and some cleaning tasks are also undertaken.

The probation and parole office also provides workers at the Carbrook transfer station, Marsden graffiti unit, Tribe of Judah Care Services, the Kingston Butter Factory, Logan House Rehabilitation Centre and the Serenity Haven Loaves and Fishes at Kingston.

Community service also provides individuals with work skills and a work ethic for those offenders that are unemployed and can equip them for re-entry into the workforce. Community service is a positive example on how Government and the Logan community are working together to meet the needs of the community and to provide viable sentencing options for the judiciary.