

**Question on Notice  
No. 539  
Asked on 17 April 2007**

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

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the townships of Blackbutt, Cooyar and Yarraman—

- (1) How many complaints have been received for each year over the past five years in these towns regarding (a) vandalism, (b) truancy, (c) harassment and (d) drugs?
- (2) How many prosecutions have been made in each town in the past five years and how many have been successful?
- (3) What has been the police staffing level for each year (listed separately) for the past five years?

**ANSWER:**

(1) & (2)

As per Queensland Police Service policy, to ensure confidentiality and data quality, statistics are released at the police district level only. Blackbutt Police Division is in the Gympie Police District. Cooyar and Yarraman Police Divisions are in the Dalby Police District. The Queensland Police Service 'Annual Statistical Review', which is available on-line via on the Queensland Police Service Internet website, contains crime statistics for each Queensland police district. Statistics are quantified in terms of Offences Against the Person, Offences Against Property and Other Offences. All years the member is querying are available on-line.

(3)

Blackbutt is a part of the Gympie Police District and Cooyar and Yarraman are a part of the Dalby Police District.

Approved Police Strengths

Year	Gympie District	Dalby District
1997-98	96	57
2002-03	130	60
2003-04	133	60
2004-05	136	60
2005-06	141	60
2006-07	146	61

Since this Government was elected in 1998 we have increased numbers by approximately 300 each year and Queensland's police to population ratio is better than the national average.

This Government will continue to maintain police numbers at or above the national average of the police to population ratio. The 2006-07 State Budget provides for an extra 350 front-line, first response general duties police officers.

As a result of this of this commitment to boosting police numbers, the number of police officers in the Queensland Police Service will increase to 9728 officers by September 2007- an increase of 3000 police officers since this Government came to office.