

**Question on Notice
No.839
Asked on 5 June 2007**

MR WENDT asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE)—

QUESTION:

What initiatives are in place to educate party hosts about gatecrashing and help them to prevent this often violent activity?

ANSWER:

The Beattie Government is committed to doing all it can to ensure young Queenslanders are safe and that their activities do not have adverse consequences to the quality of life of others.

The Party Safe initiative is assisting police to educate party hosts about gatecrashing and helping them to prevent the violence which could be associated with gatecrashers. Party Safe was one of the key recommendations of the Safe Youth Parties Taskforce, which handed down its report in March 2006.

Two other key findings of the Safe Youth Parties Taskforce found however that the prevalence of out-of-control parties was less than expected, with police data showing less than two percent of the total calls for police service related to young people – at either parties or gatherings. The Taskforce also found that the main reason parties went out of control was the excessive consumption of alcohol, while gate crashing was a secondary issue.

The Party Safe initiative is a free service which adds an extra layer of safety to parties.

The Queensland Police Service provides information to the community through a range of Party Safe resources available from police stations and through the Queensland Police Service Internet website www.police.qld.gov.au.

In November 2006 some 20,000 new Party Safe packages were distributed to police stations across Queensland. The Party Safe packages include a brochure containing a checklist for the party host, parents and guests on how to reduce the risk of a party becoming unruly due to excessive alcohol consumption, gatecrashing and other anti-social behaviours.

A party registration form is also attached to this brochure. By simply filling out the party registration form and returning it to their local police station, hosts can let police know of their plans to hold a party – and police in turn have all the details recorded to facilitate an appropriate response in the event of a call for police assistance. A poster is also available to people who register their parties for display outside the party venue.

The message is getting out in the community. The below table outlines how many parties have been registered between January and March of this year.

Party Safe Registered Parties
Jan – Mar 2007

Location	
Oxley	9
Wynnum	21
South Brisbane	47
Brisbane Central	4
Brisbane West	64
North Brisbane	23
Petrie	5
Total Brisbane	173
Logan	165
Gold Coast	133
Townsville	59
Cairns	54
Regional Qld – including Bundaberg, Gladstone, Gympie, Mackay, Maroochydore, Maryborough, Redcliffe, Rockhampton	592
Queensland	1 176