

Question on Notice
No. 1792
Asked on 25 November 2008

MS STONE asked the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Sport (MS SPENCE)—

QUESTION:

Will she advise the increase in policing numbers for Queensland in this term of government and in particular for the Logan district?

ANSWER:

As part of the 2008-09 State Budget this Government committed to funding an extra 200 police to ensure the safety and security of persons throughout Queensland.

In mid-November 2008, additional to the 200 police, this Government announced an extra 106 traffic police to be delivered over the next two years.

During this term of Government policing numbers in Queensland have increased from 9,323 to 9,906 as at 1 November 2008, an increase of 583.

Over the same period policing numbers in the Logan Police District have increased from 486 to 547, an increase of 61.

The Bligh Government will continue to increase police numbers. In 2007/08 we inducted nearly 700 new police officers. In 2008/09 this number will increase to nearly 800.

Our commitment to increasing police numbers has been reflected in this years crime rates with overall crime falling by 5%.

In fact since 2000/01 the overall crime rate in Queensland has dropped 24 per cent.