Question on Notice
No. 335
Asked on 12 March 2008

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide details of the operation of the Queensland Police Rail Squad and how their operations, and initiatives by Queensland Rail, contribute to the safety of rail passengers at Bald Hills and adjacent stations?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Police Service Railway Squad, which patrols Brisbane's Citytrain network, is made up of 54 sworn officers and a police liaison officer. The Queensland Police Service works in close partnership with QR Limited to implement strategies to address crime and anti-social behaviour on the Citytrain network.

The Squad is a specialist support unit which provides a high-profile uniform presence on the Citytrain network to enhance the safety of all users by targeting anti-social behaviour and focusing on crime prevention.

The Squad assists regional police with their primary responsibilities, including investigating and prosecuting offenders in relation to incidents which occur on or near railway lines. Bald Hills Railway Station is within the Queensland Police Service Metropolitan North Region on the Caboolture railway line.

All railway lines are proactively patrolled by Railway Squad officers in accordance with intelligence. Reported incidents may be attended by Railway Squad officers and/or local police depending on the nature of the incident, available resources and priorities.

The Railway Squad has conducted more than 30 policing operations within the Metropolitan North Police Region since July 2007, substantially targeting anti-social behaviour at railway stations.

The most common offences committed at railway stations and on the Citytrain network are graffiti, trespass and good order offences. The Railway Squad conducts operations based on intelligence sourced from both the Queensland Police Service and QR Limited.

This government is taking a proactive approach to delivering a safe public transport system and our police continue to do everything they can to protect the community.