**Question on Notice**
**No. 575**
**Asked on 17 April 2008**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the crime statistics released last week—

Will she advise details for the Ipswich and surrounding regions?

ANSWER:

The midyear snapshot for Queensland provided encouraging statistics where Queensland has recorded reductions in all three broad offence categories per 100,000 persons. Offences against the person are down 5% Offences against property are down 13%, and Other Offences are down 1%.

Detailed crime statistics for all police regions and districts for 2007/08 will be available in the annual statistical review which will be released in November this year.

Detailed information for 2006/07 can be found in the police services annual statistical review at www.police.qld.gov.au.

Police are using evidenced-based strategies to detect and prevent crime in these regions.

Police within the District have implemented a range of strategies aimed at reducing crime rates.

For example, protective behaviour lectures are provided to grade 5 students in State schools throughout the District. These lectures provide students with advice on how to respond to inappropriate behaviour and may have contributed to the 6% reduction in Offences Against the Person within the District.

The Ipswich District also conducted Operation Choppy Seas in response to graffiti and wilful damage offences. This operation targeted offences occurring in the Goodna Division and may have contributed to the 14% reduction in Other Property Damage Offences.

Another example of an Ipswich District policing initiative is Operation Warrior which was recently conducted to target Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle suspects. This operation was carried out in conjunction with ongoing crime prevention strategies including Operation Bounceback (free engine immobilisers) and a number of operations targeting railway station car parks and areas surrounding railway stations.