

**Question on Notice
No. 1396
Asked on 6 October 2009**

MR JOHNSON asked the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services (MR ROBERTS)—

QUESTION:

With reference to assaults on police officers and the excellent response provided to Question on Notice No. 1738 of 2007 and Question on Notice No. 1001 of 2004 on this issue—

Will the Minister provide details for each police district for 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 (reported separately), the number of police for each year in each district who (a) suffered assaults, (b) suffered common assaults, (c) suffered serious assaults, (d) were subjected to assault occasioning bodily harm, (e) suffered wounding and (f) were subjected to assault occasioning grievous bodily harm (preferably in the table format provided in answer to Question on Notice No. 529 of 2005 and Question on Notice No. 1001 of 2004)?

ANSWER:

The Bligh Government is cognisant of the fact that policing is not an easy job. It is a job with inherent risks and our police deal with and witness the best and worst of human behaviour every day.

Any assault on a police officer going about their duties is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated by this Government or the Queensland Police Service. Spitting, biting or throwing bodily fluids at an officer are classed as serious assault and carry a maximum seven year sentence.

Since 2006/07, the rate per 1000 police officers for reported assaults on police has decreased from 278 to 266, which equates to an approximate 4.32% decrease.

This downward trend reinforces the commitment of the Bligh Government to ensuring that assaults against police officers remain a serious and intolerable offence, and offenders will be dealt with.

The requested details are provided in the attached tables. The figures represent the number of offences, not the number of police assaulted. That is, an officer could be the victim of multiple offences all of which appear in the attachment.

Number of Reported Assaults on Police, Police Districts and Queensland - 2006/07

	Assault (Comm By- Law)	Assault occasioning bodily harm	Assault occasioning grievous bodily harm	Common Assault	Assault; aggravated (Non- sexual)	Assault; minor (not elsewhere classified)	Assault Police (PPRA)	Serious Assault (Other)	Wounding	Total
Cairns	0	3	0	0	0	0	153	54	0	210
Innisfail	0	1	0	0	0	0	13	4	0	18
Mareeba	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	4	0	24
Mount Isa	0	4	0	0	0	0	89	28	0	121
Townsville	0	6	1	1	0	0	168	52	1	229
Gladstone	0	2	0	0	0	0	28	9	0	39
Longreach	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	8
Mackay	0	1	0	0	0	0	73	22	0	96
Rockhampton	0	7	0	0	0	0	98	53	0	158
Bundaberg	0	4	0	1	0	0	61	14	0	80
Caboolture	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	9	0	46
Gympie	0	1	0	0	0	0	36	11	0	48
Maryborough	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	13	0	82
Redcliffe	0	1	0	0	0	0	46	10	0	57
Sunshine Coast	0	6	0	0	0	0	75	27	0	108
Charleville	0	1	0	0	0	0	17	14	0	32
Dalby	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	4	0	24
Ipswich	0	5	1	0	0	0	69	19	0	94
Roma	0	2	0	0	0	0	18	3	0	23
Toowoomba	0	4	1	0	0	0	61	20	0	86
Warwick	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	5	0	27
Gold Coast	0	6	0	1	0	0	164	42	0	213
Logan	0	4	0	0	0	0	75	37	0	116
Brisbane Central	0	3	0	0	0	0	207	49	0	259
Brisbane West	0	2	0	0	0	0	29	5	0	36
North Brisbane	0	6	0	0	0	1	74	19	0	100
Pine Rivers	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	8	0	34
Oxley	0	4	0	0	0	0	67	20	0	91
South Brisbane	0	5	0	0	0	0	104	35	0	144
Wynnum	0	3	0	0	0	0	56	14	0	73
Queensland	0	81	3	3	0	1	1,981	607	1	2,677

Number of Reported Assaults on Police, Police Districts and Queensland - 2007/08

	Assault (Comm By- Law)	Assault occasioning bodily harm	Assault occasioning grievous bodily harm	Common Assault	Assault; aggravated (Non- sexual)	Assault; minor (not elsewhere classified)	Assault Police (PPRA)	Serious Assault (Other)	Wounding	Total
Cairns	0	3	1	0	0	0	161	71	1	237
Innisfail	0	1	0	0	0	0	24	12	0	37
Mareeba	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	12	0	57
Mount Isa	0	2	0	0	0	0	95	25	0	122
Townsville	0	3	0	0	0	0	161	42	0	206
Gladstone	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	7	0	66
Longreach	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	1	0	11
Mackay	0	4	0	0	0	0	86	24	0	114
Rockhampton	0	2	1	1	0	0	93	42	0	139
Bundaberg	0	2	0	0	0	0	40	17	0	59
Caboolture	0	1	0	0	0	0	45	14	0	60
Gympie	0	1	0	0	0	0	44	11	0	56
Maryborough	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	16	0	56
Redcliffe	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	15	0	54
Sunshine Coast	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	19	0	117
Charleville	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	5	0	13
Dalby	0	1	0	0	0	0	11	10	0	22
Ipswich	0	4	0	0	0	0	84	36	0	124
Roma	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	5	0	26
Toowoomba	0	3	1	0	0	0	67	19	0	90
Warwick	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	6	0	30
Gold Coast	0	3	1	0	0	0	232	50	0	286
Logan	0	3	1	0	0	0	76	29	0	109
Brisbane	0	2	0	2	0	0	193	43	0	240
Central Brisbane	0	0	0	1	0	0	21	10	0	32
West North	0	1	0	0	0	0	71	27	0	99
Brisbane Pine Rivers	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	12	0	39
Oxley	0	3	0	0	0	0	62	19	0	84
South	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	23	0	112
Brisbane Wynnum	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	21	0	78
Queensland	0	40	5	4	0	0	2,083	643	1	2,776

Number of Reported Assaults on Police, Police Districts and Queensland - 2008/09

	Assault (Comm By- Law)	Assault occasioning bodily harm	Assault occasioning grievous bodily harm	Common Assault	Assault; aggravated (Non- sexual)	Assault; minor (not elsewhere classified)	Assault Police (PPRA)	Serious Assault (Other)	Wounding	Total
Cairns	0	5	0	6	0	0	158	61	0	230
Innisfail	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	7	0	35
Mareeba	0	0	1	1	0	0	35	9	0	46
Mount Isa	0	2	0	0	0	0	148	45	0	195
Townsville	0	4	0	0	0	0	132	39	0	175
Gladstone	0	2	0	1	0	0	40	10	0	53
Longreach	0	1	0	0	0	0	10	1	0	12
Mackay	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	18	0	104
Rockhampton	0	1	0	1	0	0	99	65	0	166
Bundaberg	0	1	0	3	0	0	49	9	0	62
Caboolture	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	11	0	58
Gympie	0	1	0	0	0	0	58	15	0	74
Maryborough	0	1	0	0	0	0	45	13	0	59
Redcliffe	0	2	0	1	0	0	32	13	0	48
Sunshine Coast	0	1	0	0	0	0	85	18	0	104
Charleville	0	0	0	2	0	0	17	7	0	26
Dalby	0	1	0	0	0	0	16	6	0	23
Ipswich	0	2	0	1	0	0	53	23	0	79
Roma	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	2	0	29
Toowoomba	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	26	0	93
Warwick	0	0	0	2	0	0	25	4	0	31
Gold Coast	0	7	0	7	0	0	230	63	0	307
Logan	0	2	0	0	0	0	56	33	0	91
Brisbane Central	0	4	0	1	0	0	169	37	0	211
Brisbane West	0	1	0	0	0	0	21	10	0	32
Brisbane North	0	3	0	1	0	0	60	16	0	80
Brisbane Pine Rivers	0	2	0	0	0	0	32	16	0	50
Oxley	0	2	1	0	0	0	54	18	0	75
South Brisbane	0	2	0	0	0	0	75	28	1	106
Wynnum	0	0	0	1	0	0	45	33	0	79
Queensland	0	47	2	28	0	0	2,002	658	1	2,738