

**Question on Notice
No. 1768
Asked on 11 November 2009**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to calls for service logged with police in 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09—

- (1) How many calls were from a job location listed as a licensed premises (reported by year)?
- (2) For each of those calls for service in (1), how many resulted in (a) no further action being taken, (b) a ticket being issued or (c) an arrest being made (reported by year and action taken)?

ANSWER:

Police districts use either the Computer Aided Despatch (CAD) system or the Information Management System (IMS) for the recording and tasking of calls for police service.

Neither of those systems has the ability to search where the reported location or place is a licensed premises. It is anticipated that the new CAD system currently being sourced will have a string or specific word search capability. This system will be implemented state-wide in 2012.

There is no specific job code allocated for an incident occurring at licensed premises. There is a specific verification code '825 – occurred on licensed premises' which is rarely used by responding police. Rather, the primary type of job police are responding to is allocated. The usual practice is to record the original job type i.e. disturbance, serious assault, etc.

The police respond to almost one million calls for service per annum. These jobs are record on the CAD system in Brisbane, Townsville, Gold Coast/Logan and Cairns, with jobs for the remainder of the State being recorded on the IMS system.

In the 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 financial years, the number CAD jobs recorded were 574, 595; 573,045; and 578, 233 respectively.

There is no central collection point for IMS statistics state-wide, however figures sourced in 2006 indicated that approximately 392, 000 jobs are recorded in this system each year.

Ascertaining the requested information would therefore require a manual examination of records on each call. Given the significant numbers involved, this would require a substantial and unreasonable allocation of police time and resources, and would detract from frontline policing.