

**Question on Notice
No. 2010
Asked on Thursday, 7 October 2010**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to Ipswich Probation and Parole District Office — Will the Minister provide details of (a) attitudinal driving workshops held in the Ipswich region and (b) the number of charged or convicted traffic offenders that Ipswich Probation and Parole have referred to this program?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question and for his continued support for Police and our Emergency Services.

The Attitudinal Driving Workshop is a Queensland Police Service (QPS) program which aims to educate people about the choices they make while driving and the serious consequences their actions can have for themselves, their families, and the community.

Each program has a number of key presenters who provide powerful messages about road safety by discussing their own personal experiences. Speakers include representatives from QPS, Queensland Ambulance Service, Queensland Health, the Spinal Injuries Association, and Ipswich Probation and Parole. The program is open to the public and is facilitated monthly at the Ipswich RSL.

Due to a high referral rate of offenders, Ipswich Probation and Parole District Office, in collaboration with QPS, developed and delivered its first Attitudinal Driving Workshop in August 2010. This offender specific program was directly targeted at offenders charged or convicted with traffic related offences and is now scheduled once every two months, dependant upon offender referrals.

This program sends offenders a powerful message about the lifelong consequences of their offences for victims and the community. It also gives offenders an opportunity to take stock of their offences and to reduce their own chances of being involved in road trauma by making them fully aware of the risks they are taking.

The first Attitudinal Driving Workshop, directly targeting Ipswich Probation and Parole offenders, in August 2010 was attended by 15 individuals. The next workshop is yet to be scheduled but has already had 42 offenders waitlisted to attend, an indicator of the programs popularity and positive message.

Programs like Attitudinal Driving Workshop are a key part of the Bligh Government's approach to tackling crime in Queensland. Despite great increases in population since coming to power in 1998, the overall crime rate has dropped by 18 per cent, with a 54 per cent increase in police numbers. The Government's emphasis on safe driving has also seen positive results, with 92 fewer fatalities on our roads as of 2 November 2010 than the same time last year.

The Bligh Government will continue to develop initiatives that promote and uphold community safety in the Ipswich region and throughout Queensland.