

**Question on Notice
No. 347
Asked on 2 May 2013**

MR PUCCI asked the Minister for Police and Community Safety (MR DEMPSEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update on the proposed Neighbourhood Watch Liaison scheme and how this will benefit the electorate of Logan?

ANSWER:

Reinvigorating the Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) program is an important part of this Government's *Delivering Safer Communities* plan to boost the fight against crime through positive community partnerships and cleaning up our streets.

This Government is committed to providing an additional \$1 million per year for four years, commencing in 2012-13, to renew NHW and Crime Stoppers and to inject new life and direction into community policing.

NHW is a state-wide crime prevention strategy which engages the community to develop awareness of crime prevention initiatives and to create a safer community.

This Government plans to increase community support at the local level and facilitate community participation in NHW activities through the use of social media and increased online resources. A number of online social media products have been developed. The NHW website has been modified to enable further changes to be made and to be kept up to date. The website already has links to 10 local MyPolice blog sites and the number of these sites is growing.

Part of this Government's commitment includes the appointment of a Station Community Crime Reduction Officer (SCCRO) for every police station. A Commissioner's Circular requiring these appointments was issued in January 2013. In accordance with that Circular, SCCROs have been appointed for the seven police divisions within the Logan Police District.

SCCROs are responsible for identifying and employing suitable crime prevention and reduction strategies in response to crime trends identified through intelligence holdings and as reported by the public. There will be a strong relationship between these officers and NHW groups.