

Question on Notice
No. 676
Asked on 12 September 2013

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline the benefits of Taskforce Integrate, in particular to property theft, for the Chatsworth Electorate?

ANSWER:

Taskforce Integrate commenced operations on 1 July 2013 in response to an identified change in the mobility and offending patterns of criminals. This change has seen offenders becoming more mobile and committing offences in police districts in which they do not reside, thereby limiting the effectiveness of more conventional district-based policing operations.

The taskforce provides the ability to direct resources against identified and prioritised threats in a measurable manner that solves crime, stops offending, increases community safety and reduces demand on policing services. It targets the places, people and issues that pose the highest risk to the community in terms of offending and harm, irrespective of police geographical boundaries.

This enforcement action has been focused on property crimes in South East Queensland, including the Chatsworth Electorate.

As at 16 September 2013, Taskforce Integrate operations have resulted in enforcement action against 249 persons on 1247 charges. These include 403 charges relating to the unlawful entry of homes and businesses and 189 charges relating to the theft of motor vehicles.

Key to the taskforce's success is its ability to operate seamlessly across policing boundaries, work together with police districts, and maintain a strategy of relentless follow up of recidivist offenders.

These operations and other initiatives work together to maintain the safety and security of the Chatsworth Electorate.