

Question on Notice
No. 739
Asked on 17 October 2013

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how the Newman Government is addressing law and order issues and reducing crime in Mount Ommaney and Queensland?

ANSWER:

This Government remains committed to addressing law and order issues throughout Queensland, including the Mount Ommaney electorate.

Police from Mount Ommaney Station and other policing units use intelligence-driven patrols to detect and deter criminal behaviour. In addition, they conduct targeted operations to address property crime, traffic offences, liquor licensing compliance, criminal motorcycle gang activity, and matters arising in the vicinity of the prison precinct.

For example, such an operation was conducted on 19 October 2013 involving Mount Ommaney Police and officers from the Corrective Services Investigation Unit, the Road Policing Command and other support units. This operation resulted in 23 persons being charged with 29 offences, including drug and traffic offences. As part of the operation, police also conducted 40 Roadside Drug Tests and 129 Random Breath Tests and issued 21 Traffic Infringement Notices, 30 Penalty Infringement Notices and 28 Warning Notices for railway-related offences.

A recent series of armed robberies in South East Queensland, including two offences committed at the Centenary Tavern and the Jindalee Hotel, were the subject of intensive police investigations that resulted in the arrest of number of persons and the recovery of an AK47 assault rifle.

The recent “Turn the Screws on Crime” campaign, hosted by the Mount Ommaney Police and supported by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers and Volunteers in Policing (VIPs), resulted in over 100 vehicles being fitted with one-way screws to prevent the theft of registration plates and their subsequent use in further offences. VIPs also continue to assist police with proactive policing in the Mount Ommaney Division by providing business security packs to community members.

Residents in Mount Ommaney can be confident in these and other policing strategies being undertaken to ensure the safety of their community. This Government is working hard to deliver more police into communities across the State and to provide the support and resources police need to fight crime and improve community safety in Queensland.