

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 169**  
**Asked on 18 March 2014**

MR STEVENS asked the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services (MR DEMPSEY)—

**QUESTION:**

Given the support that the State Government has received locally, nationally and now internationally in regards to the criminal gang laws—

Will the Minister detail the progress these laws have made on the Gold Coast?

**ANSWER:**

The State Government is committed to protecting and ensuring the safety of all members of the public by strengthening law and order within Queensland. The Queensland Police Service (QPS) is protecting the community by addressing issues such as criminal gang activity to help make Queensland a safe and secure place to live, visit and do business.

Operation Resolute has overall responsibility for the QPS response to Criminal Motorcycle Gangs. Operation Resolute comprises of Taskforce Takeback and Taskforce Maxima.

The focus of Taskforce Takeback is a responsive, high visibility policing and a zero tolerance approach to public disorder and violence committed by Criminal Motorcycle Gangs (CMG), specifically on the Gold Coast.

Taskforce Takeback activities have included audits of the towing, tattoo, security provider industries, massage parlours, gyms and licensed venues to establish if any CMGs have any connections to these commercial operations.

CMG club houses on the Gold Coast are closed and social nights and traditional CMG gatherings are not being conducted on or through the Gold Coast.

The new legislation under the *Vicious Lawless Association Disestablishment Act 2013* and the *Criminal Law (Criminal Organisations Disruption) Amendment Act 2013* has contributed to the disruption of CMG activities and a reduction in crime within the Gold Coast Police District. The legislative changes have given increased enforcement opportunities to the QPS, which has seen the QPS engaging with the National Anti Gang Squad, Australian Customs and Border Patrol Services, Australian Federal Police, Taxation Office, New South Wales Police Force, Queensland Corrective Services and the Office of Fair Trading to maximise the effect of this enforcement.

Since the commencement of these Acts, for the period 27 September 2013 to 26 March 2014 compared to the same period the previous year, there has been a 22% reduction in robbery offences, 15% reduction in assaults, 32% reduction in unlawful entry offences, 17% reduction in offences against property and a 33% reduction in unlawful use of motor vehicle offences per 100,000 head of population for the Gold Coast District. (Note: Rates are expressed per 100,000 persons and are calculated based on the estimated residential population as at 30 June of each year.)

Since the creation of Operation Resolute and through a state-wide coordinated approach, as at 10 April 2014 police have:

- charged 800 Criminal Motorcycle Gang members and their associates with 1807 offences;
- executed 249 search warrants; and
- issued 213 traffic infringement notices to Criminal Motorcycle Gang members or associates.