

QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE

Profile

- Queensland covers approximately 1.7 million square kilometres, representing 25% of Australia's land mass.
- Queensland's population is approaching four million.
- The Service was established in 1864 pursuant to the *Police Act 1863*.
- The Service has a funded strength of 9,378 police officers and 3,360 staff members operating under the legislative framework established principally by the *Police Service Administration Act 1990* and the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000*.
- The functions of the Service, outlined in s.2.3 of the *Police Service Administration Act 1990*, are to preserve peace and good order; protect the community; prevent crime; detect offenders; uphold the law; ensure the fair and efficient administration of law; and provide services in emergency situations.
- The Service expended \$1,184 million in the 2005–06 financial year across its four outputs: Community Safety and Engagement; Crime Management; Traffic Management and Professional Standards and Ethical Practice.
- These outputs represent the core activities of the Service and are strategically aligned to the Whole-of-Government priorities including *Protecting our children and enhancing community safety*.
- There are two specialist areas and one command that report directly to the Commissioner: the Office of the Commissioner; Media and Public Affairs Branch; and Ethical Standards Command.
- To facilitate policing of the community, the Service is divided into eight geographical regions. In addition, there are two functional commands, established centrally, to provide specialist support.
- Each region or command is managed by an Assistant Commissioner who reports to the Deputy Commissioner, Deputy Chief Executive (Operations).
- The Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) Police Group is managed by an Assistant Commissioner (Director of Witness Protection and Operations Support). The CMC Police Group is primarily concerned with combating serious and organised crime, misconduct investigations, and providing a State witness protection program.
- There are four divisions that collectively deliver the corporate support functions of the Service. Each division is managed by a Director who reports to the Deputy Chief Executive (Resource Management).
- The organisational chart on page 13 depicts these organisational units and reporting relationships.
- The regionalised structure of the Service is also shown on page 13 to 15, with specific information provided in respect of each region, command or division on pages 16 to 20.

