

Profile

The Queensland Police Service was established in 1864 pursuant to the *Police Act 1863 (Qld)*.

The functions of the Police Service, 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 Police Service is entrusted with providing a police response to the four million people who live in the State. This response extends across an area of approximately 1.7 million square kilometres, representing almost 25 per cent of Australia's land mass.

During 2006-07, the Police Service consisted of 9,618 police officers and 3,646 staff members operating under the legislative framework established principally by the *Police Service Administration Act 1990 (Qld)* and the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000 (Qld)*.

The Police Service expended \$1,280 million in the 2006-07 financial year across its four output areas of Community Safety and Engagement, Crime Management, Traffic Management and Professional Standards Ethical Practice.

These outputs represent the core activities of the Police Service and are strategically aligned to the whole-of-government priorities including *Protecting our children and enhancing community safety*.

There are two specialist units and one command that report directly to the Commissioner being the Office of the Commissioner, Media and Public Affairs Branch and the Ethical Standards Command.

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.

To facilitate policing at a local level, the Police Service is divided into eight geographical regions. In addition, there are two functional commands, established centrally, to provide specialist support.

Each of these regions and commands is managed by an Assistant Commissioner who reports to the Deputy Commissioner, Deputy Chief Executive (Operations).

There are four areas that collectively deliver the corporate support functions of the Police Service. Three divisions are managed by a Director: Finance, Human Resources, Administration. Information and Communications Technology is managed by an Assistant Commissioner. All report 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 Police Service is also shown on page 14 to 15, with specific information provided in respect of each organisational unit on pages 16 to 19.