



# About us

The Queensland Police Service is the primary law enforcement agency for the State of Queensland. We fulfil this role throughout the State, 24 hours a day, upholding the law and providing assistance to the community when necessary and in times of emergency, disaster and crisis.

## What we do

The functions of the Service include:

- the preservation of peace and good order in all areas of Queensland
- the protection of all communities in Queensland
- the prevention of crime
- the detection of offenders and bringing of offenders to justice
- upholding the law generally and providing policing services in an emergency.

## Delivering our services

The Service comprises eight regions dealing with operational and community policing issues. Three commands deal with major crime, specialist operational support and ethical standards, and a corporate services group manages administration, finance, human resources and information and communications technology functions.

A complete corporate structure is shown on page 10.

## Our clients

Our clients include:

- the Queensland community (including residents and visitors)
- victims of crime and other offences
- anyone requesting police assistance
- suspects and people charged with committing offences.

Other stakeholders include:

- the Queensland Government
- other government agencies
- business, industry and community groups.

## Our budget

In 2007-08 the police operating budget consisted of \$1.393 billion in output funding and \$44.2 million in own-sourced revenue. The Service's capital budget for 2007-08 was \$258 million.

	2007-08	2006-07
<b>Assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	\$1 619M	\$1 454M
<b>Key expenses</b>		
Employee expenses	\$1 086M	\$993M
Supplies and services	\$256M	\$217M
<b>Key revenue</b>		
Output revenue	\$1 349M	\$1 224M

A broader financial overview is provided on page 9 and pages 88 to 89, followed by the departmental financial statements.

## Our history

The Police Department was established by the *Police Act 1863*, which took effect on 1 January 1864.

During more than 140 years of its history, the traditions of the QPS have been shaped by immense social changes, incredible advances in technology and the continual evolution of operational procedures.

On 1 November 2000 Mr Bob Atkinson was appointed as the 17th Commissioner of Police in Queensland.

## Our staff

The Service employed 13 948 personnel in 2007-08, which included 122 Police Liaison Officers and 7 Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Police.

	30 June 2008	30 June 2007
Police officers	9 833	9 618
Police recruits	404	284
Staff members	3 711	3 646

Notes:

- Staffing numbers refer to actual employees, not 'full time equivalent' employees.
- Staff members are employees other than police officers or police recruits.
- All staffing numbers are as at 30 June 2008.

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## Our volunteers

Introduced ten years ago, the Volunteers in Policing (VIPs) program has grown to include over 200 participants across the State.

VIPs offer support to police officers by carrying out a range of voluntary tasks that complement the responsibilities of QPS members—allowing officers to remain focused on their operational tasks.

## Our environment

Supporting environmental sustainability is a matter of both corporate responsibility and operational practice for the Service. Through waste, energy, water management and carbon emission reduction initiatives, the Service is able to lessen its impact on the environment.

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## Legislation we administer

The following legislation was administered by the Service in 2007-08:

- *Australian Crime Commission (Queensland) Act 2003*
- *Child Protection (Offender Prohibition Order) Act 2008*
- *Child Protection (Offender Reporting) Act 2004*
- *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000*
- *Police Service Administration Act 1990*
- *Prostitution Act 1999*
- *Public Safety Preservation Act 1986*
- *Queensland Police Welfare Club Act 1970*
- *Summary Offences Act 2005*
- *Terrorism (Preventative Detention) Act 2005*
- *Weapons Act 1990*



Eight proud new Volunteers in Policing were recently inducted into the program and allocated to stations throughout Metropolitan South Region.