

Queensland Police Service

- An additional \$4.3 million in funding has been provided by the Australian Government for police housing in Aurukun, Doomadgee, Mornington Island and Woorabinda as part of the Improved Policing in Very Remote Areas Program.
- An amount of \$18 million will be spent in 2009-10 as part of the Government's commitment to build a new Queensland Police Academy at Wacol and includes funding for the delivery of a driver training facility at a cost of \$12.8 million.
- Motor vehicles and operational equipment will be purchased as part of a \$43.5 million program that ensures police have the tools they need to do their job.



Sergeant Marcus Hahn with Police Dog Tyson. The Service has its own Police Dog Development Program.



First Year Constable Katherine Plant receives an award from Commissioner Bob Atkinson for best overall performance by a recruit.



State Budget 2009–10

Agency Budget Highlights



Message from the Minister

The Government is investing a record \$1.706 billion in the Queensland Police Service to fight crime.

The 2009-10 Queensland Police Service budget of \$1.706 billion will ensure the effective delivery of policing services to the Queensland community—203 more police officers, new police facilities and equipment, better technology to fight crime, and improvements to road safety.

The Government's injection of \$133.9 million in new funds will boost the police budget by 8.5%. This provides clear evidence of the Bligh Government's commitment to law and order issues, ensuring Queensland remains a safe place in which to live, work and do business.

This budget will see the continuation of a key Government commitment to increase police numbers by providing 203 additional police positions, including 53 specialist traffic positions as part of the Government's road safety package. By March 2012, there will be 10,600 police officers in Queensland helping to reduce crime and improve safety.

A key indicator of the Government's performance on law and order issues is Queensland's crime rate. In 2007-08 the overall crime rate fell by 5%. This is the seventh consecutive year crime rates have fallen in Queensland, proving the Government's strategies are working, and the tireless efforts of the Queensland Police Service are making a real difference.

To ensure these good results continue, it is essential that police have access to modern facilities, equipment and technology. The Bligh Government is delivering funding across all of these areas in 2009-10 with \$57 million for capital works projects, \$18 million for further development of the new Queensland Police Academy at Wacol including a new driver training facility, \$2.3 million for an interim telephone interception capability and over \$100 million for ICT projects including cutting edge technologies such as a trial of Automatic Number Plate Recognition and in-car cameras.

The Queensland Police Service continues to be a key contributor to the achievement of road safety outcomes and this year, the Government is providing the Service with \$47 million in new funding to expand a number of road safety initiatives.

The Bligh Government's *Toward Q2* ambition *Fair—Supporting safe and caring communities* provides the overall strategic direction for the work of the Queensland Police Service. As the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services, I am committed to achieving a safe and secure environment for all Queenslanders and proud to present some of the highlights in this year's budget that will assist the Queensland Police Service to meet its challenges in the year ahead.

Neil Roberts MP
Minister for Police, Corrective Services
and Emergency Services

The Queensland Police Service's budget for 2009-10 is a record \$1.706 billion, an increase of \$133.9 million or 8.5% on the 2008-09 budget.

The police operating budget consists of \$1.639 billion in output funding and \$67 million in own sourced revenue. Funding for capital acquisitions comprises \$223 million.

Major initiatives for 2009-10

- An extra 203 police positions will be provided as the first instalment in the Bligh Government's commitment to deliver 600 new police positions over the next three years. Police strength will reach 10,600 by March 2012.
- Over \$100 million will be invested in information and communication technology (ICT) projects including Policelink (\$29.3 million), a new police contact centre for non-urgent calls.
- Cutting-edge technologies are to be trialled, including Automatic Number Plate Recognition, mobile LiveScan and in-car cameras.
- An investment of \$2.3 million will provide for an interim telephone interception capability to enable police to more effectively target outlaw motor cycle gangs and other forms of serious and organised crime including terrorism, drug trafficking and child sex offences.
- Road safety initiatives are to be expanded, with new funding of \$47 million to:
 - employ 53 additional traffic officers;
 - continue the fixed speed camera rollout;
 - complete the Digital Integrated Traffic Camera System;
 - maintain current speed and red light camera operations; and
 - continue public education programs aimed at reducing road trauma.

- Capital expenditure of \$57 million will be provided for important infrastructure projects to address population growth and enhance service delivery including:
 - completing new police stations at Carseldine, Crestmead/Marsden, Reedy Creek/Robina, Sippy Downs and Springfield;
 - continuing projects with the Department of Justice and Attorney-General for replacement courthouses, police stations and watchhouses at Mareeba and Ipswich;
 - continuing projects to replace Holland Park Station, replace Murgon Police Station and watchhouse, and refurbish Beenleigh Police Station; and
 - commencing work on a replacement police station at Lockhart River.

More police to keep Queensland safe

The Government is continuing its strong commitment to ensuring the safety of our communities by increasing police numbers. In 2009-10 the Government will provide an extra 203 police positions as the first stage of a plan to deliver 600 new officers over the next three years.

