

# Police and Corrective Services

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## Message from the Minister

**The 2005-06 Budget ensures the Queensland Police Service is equipped to continue its fight against crime, while also further boosting the capacity and security of the State's prisons.**



A 50% capital works boost on last year's budget – together with an extra 228 new police positions – form the foundations of a record \$1.178 billion operating and \$160.5 million equity budget for police.

The Beattie Government is tough on crime and the causes of crime, and this budget builds on the Government's 2004 election commitments to provide police with the tools, numbers and resources they need to enhance community safety and continue to reduce crime. Crime continues to fall in key areas. I am pleased to note that in the six month period from July to December 2004, there were reductions in crime rates for sexual offences of 16%, robbery offences of 10%, total offences against property of 12% while unlawful use of motor vehicle offences dropped by 5%.

The Government's commitment to reforming the child protection system is reflected in this Budget, which will provide a further specialist 50 Juvenile Aid Bureau staff to respond to child protection issues. This is in addition to 50 Juvenile Aid Bureau officers employed in 2004-05. In January, Queensland was one of the first jurisdictions to sign up to the National Child Offender Registration Scheme, which enables police to monitor registered child sex offenders. Queensland's Child Abduction Alert System is also giving police a new way to tap into community assistance to locate children who have been abducted.

In 2005-06, police will receive support to address the rising issues of mental health and homelessness. Mental Health Crisis Intervention Teams will be established within the police service, while the Cairns Police Liaison Officer Community Patrol Program - designed to reduce Indigenous homelessness - will be maintained, and extended to Mount Isa and Townsville.

A number of election commitments will be continued or finalised in 2005-06, such as the rollout of LiveScan fingerprinting technology, a further 12 new police beats and another eight new school-based police officers.

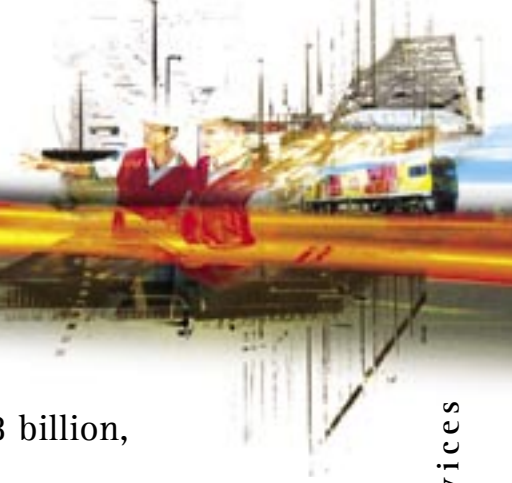
The Beattie Government is proud of its record of no escapes from secure custody, and this budget will further bolster the capacity and security of the State's correctional facilities.

A total of \$52.2 million will be spent in 2005-06 on infrastructure and other capital works, plant and equipment in Queensland correctional centres. This marks the first year of a massive \$231 million investment over three years to fund the planning and construction of an extra 511 beds in state prisons. Queensland has experienced a 142% increase in prisoner numbers since July 1993, and a further 90% increase is expected over the next ten years.

This financial year will see an increased focus on the rehabilitation of prisoners. \$3.4 million will be used to expand the number of rehabilitation programs for sex offenders, including child sex offenders. A further \$1.5 million will increase the number of programs available to offenders in secure correctional centres and in community supervision.

This is a law and order budget that will assist the Queensland Police Service and the Department of Corrective Services enhance community safety and prevent crime. This budget will ensure we continue to meet the public's expectations for a safer Queensland.

The Honourable Judy Spence MP  
Minister for Police and Corrective Services



The Police Service's operating budget for 2005-06 is \$1.178 billion, an increase of \$132.7 million or 12.7%.

### Queensland Police Service

The Service's operating budget consists of \$1.153 billion in output funding and \$24.9 million in own sourced revenue. The equity budget for 2005-06 of \$160.5 million is an increase of \$58.8 million or 57.9%. This demonstrates the Government's strong commitment to developing and enhancing key infrastructure priorities of the Service.

Major initiatives being progressed during 2005-06 include:

- increasing police numbers by an extra 228 police positions, including an extra 50 Juvenile Aid Bureau officers. Police numbers will reach 9378 by September 2006, which will meet the Government's commitment to maintain police numbers above the national average police to population ratio. This growth will be complemented by a civilianisation program that will return 500 police to operational duties over a three year period
- establishing Mental Health Crisis Intervention Teams in partnership with Queensland Health and the Department of Emergency Services over the next three years. Thirteen district/regional coordinators and up to 1200 police officers will be trained as first response officers to deal with situations involving mentally ill people
- extending the Community Patrol program in Cairns to Townsville and Mount Isa. The Patrols are expected to contribute to the reduction of Indigenous homeless people living in parks and other public spaces in Queensland
- providing crowd control equipment including helmets, shields and batons for Tactical Crime Squads in Cairns, Townsville and Mount Isa. The Townsville Tactical Crime Squad will also be boosted from 14 to 21 officers
- progressing the implementation of 15 Live-Scan fingerprint devices in major police establishments across Queensland by the end of the year
- continuing to work in partnership with Queensland Health (the John Tonge Centre) to clear the DNA crime scenes samples backlog

- working towards a shared communications initiative in partnership with the Department of Emergency Services for Computer Aided Dispatch and Mobile Data systems, to achieve a more efficient response
- providing a further \$8 million over four years to enhance the police building maintenance program. In 2005-06, \$15 million is allocated for maintenance, which includes \$5 million for a special housing maintenance program. Over the next four years more than \$42 million will be spent on building and housing maintenance.

The Government is providing more than \$160 million over the next four years which includes an additional \$60 million for new and upgraded police stations, watchhouses, police beats and police housing across the State. \$46.8 million will be spent in 2005-06 for infrastructure projects including:

- establishing new police beats at Arundel, Biggera Waters, Edens Landing, Hemmant/Lindum, Jacobs Well, Pacific Pines, Rainbow Beach, White Rock, Bald Hills, Mooroolooloolo, Burpengary and Tewantin
- providing eight new school-based police officers in Queensland schools
- completing the second stage of a refurbishment of stations at Caboolture and Townsville
- upgrading police stations at Kirwan and Nambour
- constructing replacement police stations at Southport and Stafford, and replacing police stations and watchhouses at Gympie and Ingham



The new highway patrol cars are the latest weapon in the Queensland Government's bid to reduce the road toll



- progressing the site selection for a new police station at Sippy Downs
- completing stage two of the Redland Bay police station project and stage three of the Toowoomba Police Station, watchhouse, district and regional office project
- building a new police station at Mackay Northern Beaches and constructing a new police station, watchhouse and residential accommodation at Wujal Wujal.

The Government has also allocated \$12.6 million in output funding and \$16.9 million in capital in 2005-06 towards the continuing implementation of the Service's Information Management Strategic Plan 2001-10.

The Department of Corrective Services' operating budget for 2005-06 is \$405.7 million, which is an increase of \$31.9 million or 8.5%.

### Department of Corrective Services

The Department's operating budget consists of \$389.2 million for output funding and \$16.5 million in its own sourced revenue. The Government has provided \$231 million in equity funding over the next three years, and \$91 million in recurrent funding over four years to ensure Queensland's correctional facilities remain the most secure in the world and will meet increasing prisoner numbers.

A three-year \$231 million infrastructure program includes:

- constructing a new 150 bed women's prison in Townsville to replace 75 existing beds, 40 of which will continue to be utilised for male accommodation (\$101 million)
- redeveloping and expanding Sir David Longland Correctional Centre to boost prisoner capacity from 342, which includes 18 maximum security unit cells, to a total of 558 cells (\$76 million)
- expanding the capacity of Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre from 710, which includes 18 maximum security unit cells, to a total of 890 cells (\$49.6 million)
- planning the future expansion of Townsville Men's and Lotus Glen Correctional Centres (\$4.7 million).

#### Staff safety and perimeter security

Correctional centre security and staff safety will be enhanced through:

- \$11.9 million to replace and upgrade perimeter security systems, from a total of \$30 million over five years
- \$3.3 million to complete lightning protection at secure correctional centres, from a total of \$3.6 million over two years
- \$0.88 million to complete officer station upgrades at Woodford Correctional Centre
- \$1.4 million to install mobile duress alarm systems, increasing staff safety at Lotus Glen and Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centres
- \$0.78 million to replace cell locks and the intercom system at Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre
- \$0.76 million for handling and scanning equipment at secure correctional centre laundries.

#### Offender Rehabilitation Programs

The Government has provided \$4.9 million for offender rehabilitation programs, including:

- \$3.4 million to expand rehabilitation programs for sexual offenders, including programs for child sex offenders
- \$1.5 million to improve the effectiveness of offender programs and provide training for program facilitators.



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