

State Budget 2002-03

Police and Corrective Services

Budget Highlights



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Message from the Minister

I continue to be encouraged by the high level of commitment across government to implementing key components of the Beattie Labor Government's Tough on Crime, Tough on Causes of Crime policy. The results achieved by the two major departments within my portfolio of Police and Corrective Services stand as a testament to this commitment and, as the responsible Minister, I look forward to building on this strong foundation in 2002-03.



The Government's 2002-03 Budget will see a continuation of the good work that has been progressed over the last 12 months. Law and order issues remain a priority for the Government, and this Budget Highlights document details some of the many initiatives that will contribute to the achievement of the key government priority of Safer and More Supportive Communities.

I am proud to announce that the 2002-03 State Budget contains substantial funding increases for both the Queensland Police Service and the Department of Corrective Services. A 6.8% increase in Government funding in 2002-03 has resulted in a record operating budget of \$917 million for the Queensland Police Service. The 2002-03 budget for the Department of Corrective Services is \$394 million. This represents an increase of 3.1% over 2001-02. Overall, the operating budget for the Queensland Police Service will grow by \$47 million, while the Department of Corrective Services will benefit from an additional \$13 million.

These additional funds will ensure the people of Queensland continue to receive the high level of service they are entitled to expect from a government committed to effectively addressing law and order issues. In addition, it will support the ongoing implementation of election commitments, the replacement and enhancement of major capital assets and the upgrading of key information management systems.

The 2002-03 State Budget builds on this Government's tradition of sound fiscal management and a commitment to the delivery of improved community services. Once again, this Government has delivered a substantial funding increase to the Police and Corrective Services portfolio and I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with the people of Queensland to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

Tony McGrady MP

Minister for Police and Corrective Services
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A 6.8% increase in Government funding in 2002-03 has resulted in an operating budget for 2002-03 of \$917 million for the Queensland Police Service. Overall the Service's operating budget has increased by \$47 million when compared to the 2001-02 budget, which itself delivered record increases.

The Service's capital budget is \$94 million, which represents an increase of \$8 million or 9.1% over last year's comparable capital budget.

All eight police regions will receive a budget increase. This will provide additional capacity for enhanced delivery of services to the Queensland community.

Funding provided in this budget will support the continued implementation of a number of election commitments. Major initiatives being progressed in 2002-03 include:

- 307 additional police positions and 47 civilian positions;
- \$20 million for information management priorities identified in the Service's Information Management Strategic Plan 2001-10, including a range of projects that will contribute to the achievement of an Integrated Justice Information System and the continued roll out of the desktop replacement program;
- \$30.5 million for capital works projects in line with the Service's Ten Year Capital Investment Strategic Plan, including a new watchhouse at Inala and Stage 1 of the Toowoomba police station, watchhouse, district office and regional office;
- 10 new Police Beats and Shopfronts by February 2004. This will bring the total number of Beats and Shopfronts throughout the State to 32 and 50 respectively. In 2002-03 Beats will be established at Manoora, Redbank Plains, Narangba, Mango Hill and Beachmere. Shopfronts will be established at Coolangatta, Springfield, Milton/Paddington and Deception Bay;

- \$1.0 million to continue the trial to assess the impact of transferring responsibility for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community police from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Councils to the Service;
- \$0.8 million to continue the Drug Court Pilot Project in the Beenleigh, Southport and Ipswich Magistrates Courts and \$0.4 million to expand the Pilot to Cairns and Townsville;
- \$0.2 million to support new and innovative Problem-Oriented and Partnership Policing projects;
- \$0.1 million for illicit market scans, to further enhance the Service's capabilities to detect drugs; and
- \$1.5 million toward the establishment of 16 new Tactical Crime Squads by February 2004. In 2002-03 Squads will be established in Mackay, Ipswich, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, and South Brisbane and the Logan/Gold Coast Squad will be expanded to two 14-officer Squads.

More Police for Queensland

Police numbers will increase by 300 officers a year until 2005 to meet the Government's target strength of 9,100 officers.



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The 2002-2003 budget for the Department of Corrective Services is \$394 million, an increase of \$13 million or 3.1% over 2001-2002. The capital works allocation is almost \$37 million.

Budget highlights include:

- \$16.1 million to complete construction of the \$97 million Maryborough Correctional Centre which, when fully occupied, will generate 200 new jobs in the Wide Bay region;
- \$8.3 million for the commissioning of Maryborough Correctional Centre;
- A further \$9.4 million to complete commissioning and procurement process for the \$89.5 million Capricornia Correctional Centre;
- An additional \$2.0 million to extend the Drug Court Trial in south-east Queensland until December 2003;
- \$2.7 million to expand the Drug Court Trial to North Queensland, with Corrective Services' commitment totaling \$5.4 million over three years;
- Expansion of the availability of programs for sexual offenders in both custodial and community corrections;
- \$1.7 million to expand Urinalysis Drug Testing state-wide to enhance supervision of offenders on community based orders; and

- A further \$0.6 million to increase the effectiveness of community service orders.

Queensland's correctional facilities are among the most modern in the world, with the completion and commissioning this financial year of the \$97 million Maryborough Correctional Centre further enhancing the State's ability to provide secure and humane containment and a safer general community. This 500-bed high and medium security prison is expected to be completed in October, with commissioning in the last quarter of 2002-2003.

The Budget also includes a further \$9.4 million for final procurement for the \$89.5 million 400-bed Capricornia Correctional Centre, which was officially opened in September 2001.



Prison industries - rebuilding lives and meeting specific community needs such as Graffiti Taskforce trailers.



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