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Vision of the Queensland Police Service

'We are determined to be a professional police service, dedicated to excellence and committed to working in partnership with the people of Queensland to enhance the safety and security of our community.'

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Commissioner's Foreword



Bob Atkinson APM, Commissioner of Police

I am pleased to present the Queensland Police Service Annual Statistical Review for 2005/06. This report provides official crime statistics for Queensland, together with data relating to crime clear-up rates, traffic matters and police personnel.

The delivery of effective policing services to the Queensland community is a fundamental component of the overall response by the Queensland Police Service to the Queensland Government Priority, Protecting our children and enhancing community safety. This is core business for the Queensland Police Service, and the focus of the outputs and associated strategies of the Service's Strategic Plan.

Crime and crime clear-up rates provide important indicators of policing performance, and are closely monitored by the Service through the Operational Performance Review (OPR) process. OPR provides a biannual review of each of the 29 police districts throughout Queensland, focusing on reducing crime and improving crime clear-up rates through the effective use of resources, application of innovative and effective policing strategies, and working in partnership with other agencies and the Queensland community.

The results described in this report are encouraging and reflect positively on the efforts of the Service in partnership with the community and other agencies to reduce reported crime and increase clear up rates.

Crime statistics are presented in three broad offence categories: Offences Against the Person; Offences Against Property; and Other Offences.

In most offence categories relating to property, there has been a decrease in the rate of reported crime. This positive outcome was also reflected in an increase in the rate of police-detected crime described in the "Other Offences" category, including drug, prostitution, liquor and other public order offences.

Clear-up rates provide a direct measure of the effectiveness of policing responses to crime, and I am again pleased to report encouraging results in these areas. Clearance rates for both Offences Against the Person and Offences Against Property increased in the 2005/06 financial year when compared to the previous financial year.

During the 2005/06 financial year, the Government funded an additional 278 police positions increasing police numbers to 9,378. This will exceed the Government's commitment to maintaining a police to population ratio above the national average. This represents an overall increase of 2.3%, a police to population ratio of 1:438.

The positive results described in this report could not have been achieved without the support, professionalism and commitment of all members of the Service, and ongoing broad community support. While these results are both positive and pleasing, the challenge ahead is to maintain this level of performance, and strive to achieve further improvements. I acknowledge the collective effort and strong spirit of cooperation and partnership that has contributed to our success to date, and look forward to meeting the challenges that lie ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Atkinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bob Atkinson APM.
COMMISSIONER

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