

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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Past and current copies of the Queensland Police Service's Annual Statistical Review and Annual Report are available at the above web address. Whilst the Annual Statistical Review provides a wealth of information relating to the activities of the Queensland Police Service, the Annual Report provides a range of performance management information, successful initiatives and includes the Service's financial statements.

Commissioner's Foreword



Bob Atkinson APM, Commissioner of Police

The *Queensland Police Service Annual Statistical Review, 2007/08* provides a comprehensive record of crime statistics for Queensland. It includes information on levels of reported and cleared crime, traffic related matters and police personnel. The Statistical Review is a key component of the Service's overall performance management and accountability framework.

The Statistical Review also has a strategic role. In order to help ensure the continued safety and security of Queenslanders, the Queensland Police Service needs to continue formulating relevant and innovative policing strategies. The information provided by the Statistical Review contributes to this by facilitating evidence-based, strategic decision making.

This year's Statistical Review continues the encouraging outcomes of recent years in providing for Queensland's safety and security. There has been a continued decrease in the level of most categories of reported crime compared with the previous year.

In 2007/08, there was a decrease in both the total number of offences affecting personal safety (3%) and the total number of offences involving property security (9%) compared with the number reported in the previous financial year.

Most categories of Offences Against the Person experienced a reduction. One exception to that was a 4% increase in the number of reported Sexual Offences.

All the categories listed under Offence Against Property have seen a decrease in reported numbers except for Handling Stolen Goods. Handling Stolen Goods is usually an offence that is detected by police, as opposed to reported to police, the increase in detections indicates greater police activity in relation to this offence.

In the Other Offences group, Liquor Offences and Good Order Offences increased by 11% and 16% respectively. This demonstrates a proactive commitment to policing in public space areas.

These outcomes are also bolstered by the fact that Queensland has experienced strong growth in police numbers over recent years. This has been essential to keep pace with Queensland's rapid population growth. At 30 June 2008, there were a total of 9833 sworn officers (215 more than the previous year).

While Queensland is growing and changing at a fast rate, the Queensland Police Service is committed to working collaboratively with other agencies and the community to ensure the continued safety and security of Queenslanders into the future.

The positive results of this year's Statistical Review reflect the professionalism and commitment of all members of the Service for which I am very grateful.

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

Bob Atkinson APM.
COMMISSIONER

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