

## ***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

The *Queensland Police Service Annual Statistical Review 2008/09* 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 safety and security of Queenslanders, the Service continues to formulate relevant and innovative policing strategies. The information contained in the Statistical Review supports evidence based, strategic decision making.

This year's Statistical Review continues the encouraging safety and security outcomes of recent years. It was pleasing to see a decrease in the rate of reported crime across most categories, and a 3% decrease in the State's overall crime rate when compared with the previous year. This continues an eight-year trend in which the overall crime rate has declined.

Key outcomes included decreases in the crime rates per 100,000 persons for:

- total personal safety offences (3%);
- total property security offences (2%); and
- total other offences (3%).

While there was also a decrease recorded in the total volume of reported crimes committed in these categories, it is important to recognise that the rate also takes into account Queensland's rapidly increasing population. The decreasing rate indicates the likelihood of a Queenslanders being affected by crime has reduced in recent years.

In the Other Offences group, Liquor Offences continued to increase by 26%, demonstrating



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a proactive commitment to policing public space areas. Domestic violence offences also increased by 3%, reflecting increased focus by the QPS and other government agencies on this important issue.

Queensland is growing and changing. The Queensland Police Service is committed to working collaboratively with other agencies and the community to do everything possible to provide for the safety and security of all Queenslanders.

The positive results reported in 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', written over a horizontal line.

**Bob Atkinson APM.**  
**COMMISSIONER**



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