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Commissioner's Foreword



J. P. O'Sullivan APM, Commissioner of Police

I have the honour to present to the people of Queensland, the Queensland Police Service Statistical Review for the 1998/99 financial year.

This document, the ninth to be published, continues to demonstrate the Service's philosophy of openness and accountability by endeavouring to provide the reader with comprehensive information that strives to satisfy the needs of the community in providing a readily accessible source of informative statistics concerning crime patterns, trends and related matters.

It has always been my view that the Queensland Police Service Annual Statistical Review should be a dynamic document, responding to and reflecting changing interests and needs of the Service and the community. In keeping with this commitment, this year we report Breaches of Domestic Violence Protection Orders and Weapons Act offences separately for the first time.

We have also replaced the low volume Stock Stealing sub-category with Stealing from and Unlawful Entry of Vehicles.

Regrettably, 1998/99 saw a reversal of the downward trends we have seen over the last two financial years in the rates of reported total Offences Against the Person and Property Offences. Of particular significance is the 14% increase in Motor Vehicle Theft which, the year before, registered an 11% fall in reported offences. Robbery offences continued to rise which causes great concern. On a more positive note, it was indeed pleasing to see a drop in reported Unlawful Entry offences particularly in respect of dwelling houses where offences fell by 4%.

Through timely access to statistical information, the Service is responding to these trends at both a strategic and operational level enabling informed resource allocation decisions such as intelligence driven patrols and targetted operations.

It is clear, that as we move into the new millennium, the information needs of administrators and planners, both within and external to the Queensland Police Service will most certainly grow. In the last decade we have seen myriad advances in information technology within the Queensland Police Service. It is our goal for the Annual Statistical Review to take full advantage of those advances and provide the people of Queensland and elsewhere, a multi-dimensional view of crime and related issues within our State.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. P. O'Sullivan'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J'.

J P O'Sullivan, APM.
COMMISSIONER

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