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Commissioner's Foreword

Bob Atkinson APM, Commissioner of Police

Each year, the Queensland Police Service collects and records data on crime and a wide range of other policing issues. This allows trends and patterns to be identified and is the cornerstone of many new policing strategies and initiatives.

Problem-Oriented and Partnership Policing has been a major focus of the Service's activities over the past three years. One of the strengths of this approach lies in the use it makes of information sources to enhance the analysis of crime and disorder problems as well as to develop measures to prevent their recurrence.

I have recently instigated a system of Operational Performance Review which underpins the problem-oriented approach by focussing on the performance of individual police districts. The Review process relies on a broad range of performance indicators, including subsets of the data relating to crime trends contained in this report.

While the statistical data collected and maintained by the Service is used for many other purposes, these two key issues highlight the extent to which policing in Queensland - the Smart State - is becoming more reliant on smart information and analysis based on policing strategies.

The Queensland Police Service *Annual Statistical Review* for

2000/01 contains a wealth of information and I would recommend it to anyone with an interest in crime trends and patterns, and other policing issues. I am confident that many external researchers, private and public agencies and community groups will find this Review both interesting and informative. Additionally, publishing this kind of statistical information serves to assist individuals and organisations with whom the Service continues to collaborate and form strategic partnerships.

In the 2000/01 financial year, the previous downward trend in the rate of total Offences Against the Person was reversed. In some offence categories there were significant swings, the most notable of these being an 8% increase in the rate of Robbery offences following a 14% decrease reported in 1999/00.

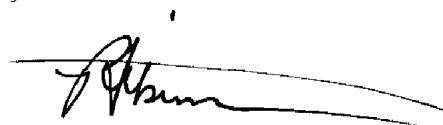
A marginal rise of 1% was recorded for total Offences Against Property. This is a positive outcome when considered in the context of previous results and represents a significant slowing of the rate of growth in the number of offences reported under this category.

Of particular note is the rate of Unlawful Entry which remained unchanged, while Unlawful Entry of private dwellings experienced a 5% reduction. In addition, following large increases in Motor Vehicle Theft over the last two financial years, the results for 2000/01 indicate a marginal increase of just 2%.

As we enter the 21st Century, the Service's primary objective is to produce positive policing outcomes for the Queensland community. A key indicator of success will be the extent to which the increasing crime trends of recent years can be addressed.

The Annual Statistical Review provides an accurate, timely and comprehensive record of crime and related information. It is a key component of the Service's overall performance evaluation framework and will be of increasing value as the Service embraces strategic, information-based policing and management strategies in the years ahead.

It is with pleasure that I present the Queensland Police Service *Annual Statistical Review* for the 2000/01 financial year.



Bob Atkinson APM.
COMMISSIONER

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