

Police and Corrective Services

- A replacement police station and watchhouse at Gympie.
- Stage three extensions to the police station and watchhouse at Caboolture.
- Establishing new police beats at Bellbowrie, Broadwater, East Brisbane/Kangaroo Point, Logan Village, Norfolk Village, The Strand and Tingalpa.
- Constructing replacement police stations at Cloncurry, Fortitude Valley, Ipswich, Miriam Vale, Ravenshoe, Stuart, Wujal Wujal and Woodford.
- Providing residential accommodation at Cloncurry, Longreach - Stage 2, and Wujal Wujal.
- Purchasing crowd control equipment and developing specialised training programs for the Public Safety Response Team.

In addition, spending \$32.7 million over four years to maintain existing buildings and upgrade various police establishments and infrastructure.

The Department of Corrective Services' operating budget for 2006-07 is \$416.2 million, which is an increase of \$10.5 million or 2.6%.

Department of Corrective Services

The Department's operating budget consists of \$402.2 million for output funding and \$14 million in its own sourced revenue. The Government is providing \$418.8 million in capital funding over the next three years, and \$191.1 million in recurrent funding over four years to continue to expand Queensland's state-of-the-art prison infrastructure.

Initiatives being progressed during 2006-07 include:

- Establishing a new Probation and Parole Service for offenders – which is the most significant reform initiative in community corrections since 1988. The Queensland Government will spend \$57.5 million over five years to introduce the new system together with court-ordered parole. This will deliver tough new supervision and surveillance of offenders, and newly-designed rehabilitation programs. This new service will enhance community safety and address the causes of crime by ensuring offenders sentenced to

community supervision have their best chance of being rehabilitated and getting their lives back on track. From 2007-08 funding will provide 103 new fulltime positions to support these services.

- In addition to the \$231 million three year investment announced last year, this Budget provides a further \$207.7 million over three years to expand and redevelop the Townsville, Arthur Gorrie and Sir David Longland prisons, as well as construct a new women's prison in Townsville.
- Maintenance of correctional facilities across the State will be increased by an extra \$14.1 million over the next three years in high priority areas.

Perimeter security:

- Continuing a \$30 million five year program to maintain and upgrade perimeter security systems at all secure custody facilities in Queensland. Two centres have already been upgraded, and a third is nearing completion in June. The program is set to continue for another three years.

Video-conferencing:

- Spending \$2.7 million in capital and \$0.729 million in recurrent funding to introduce videoconferencing in correctional centres around the State. This initiative is in conjunction with the Department of Justice and Attorney General, and will enable prisoners to "appear" in court without leaving their correctional centre. This will reduce cost and security issues associated with transporting prisoners to court hearings.



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Message from the Minister

The 2006-07 State Budget is funding the essentials to further strengthen community safety – more police officers, new technology to fight crime, road safety and a tough new probation and parole system for offenders.

The Beattie Government is committed to maintaining a police to population ratio at or above the national average. This Budget will fund the recruitment and training of an extra 350 police officers. By September 2007, Queensland will have 9,728 sworn officers – which will total almost 3,000 officer positions created by this government since we were elected. This Budget will bring the relief pool of officers to fill vacancies to 100.

We will spend almost \$40 million (\$20.5 million recurrent and \$19.1 million capital) in 2006-07 to fund the statewide rollout and expansion of QPRIME, a new computer data system which will give police the ability to share critical information instantly. For the first time police officers will have immediate access to more than 350,000 mug shots, 470,000 offender entries, digital boundary maps and advanced Geographical Information Systems. An additional \$154.5 million (\$103.9 million recurrent and \$50.6 million capital) will also be spent over four years to implement the Public Safety Network Project. This will bring together all of the existing data networks of the police and the departments of Justice and Attorney General and Corrective Services and Emergency Services into a single upgraded network, so that they can exchange information quickly and securely. Together with QPRIME, this technology will help police spend more time on operational duties - and less on paperwork and computer data entry.

Crime levels in Queensland have continued to drop for the fourth consecutive year, with the 2004-05 annual statistics revealing a seven per cent fall in the State's overall crime rate. Over the past four years crime has been reduced by 16%.

To ensure police have modern facilities to work in, the capital works budget has again been significantly boosted. Over the next four years an additional \$112.9 million (\$97.3 million capital and \$15.6 million in recurrent funding) will fund new and upgraded police stations, watchhouses, police beats and police housing across Queensland, and will include planning for new District headquarters at Coomera and Caboolture. \$70.74 million will be spent on infrastructure in 2006-07 alone.

This Budget makes road safety a priority. \$12.7 million will be used to continue to fund more policing hours on traffic enforcement in a bid to help reduce road deaths and road trauma.

The Beattie Government is proud of its record of no escapes from secure custody, and we are continuing to improve the security and good order of the State's correctional facilities.

A central plank to this year's law and order budget is a new Parole and Probation Service – which will be the biggest overhaul of Queensland's Community Corrections system in more than 15 years. We are spending \$57.5 million over five years on this service and the introduction of court-ordered parole, which will deliver tough new supervision and surveillance, and will put offenders through newly designed rehabilitation programs. The expansion and redevelopment program will continue in Queensland's prisons to accommodate growing prisoner numbers. In addition to the three year, \$231 million investment announced last year, this Budget provides a further \$207.7 million over three years for the expansion and redevelopment of the Townsville Women's, Arthur Gorrie, Sir David Longland and Townsville men's correctional centres. Video conferencing will also be provided in correctional centres across the State to enable prisoners to make short court appearances and remove the cost and security issues involved in transporting prisoners.

This is a Budget that puts community safety first and will help continue to reduce crime in Queensland.

The Honourable Judy Spence MP
Minister for Police and Corrective Services

The Police Service's operating budget for 2006-07 is \$1.3 billion, an increase of \$121.9 million or 10.3%.

Queensland Police Service

The Police Service's operating budget consists of \$1.263 billion in output funding and \$37 million in own sourced revenue. The capital allocation for 2006-07 is \$197.8 million, compared to the 2005-06 estimated actual capital spend of \$138.9 million. These increases highlight the priority that the Beattie Government puts on meeting the needs of police to ensure community safety.

Major initiatives being progressed in 2006-07 include:

- Increasing police numbers by an extra 350 sworn police positions. Police numbers will reach 9,728 by September 2007 – with almost 3,000 new positions created since the Beattie Government was elected.
- \$94.4 million (\$68.6 million in recurrent and \$25.8 million in capital funding) will be spent over four years to fund the State-wide rollout and expansion of QPRIME, the new police computer system, to ensure police are equipped with the latest technology to fight crime. This new computer system will link existing databases and has been designed to make it faster and easier for police across the State to access critical information when investigating crimes.
- Reducing the road toll and road trauma. This Budget sets aside \$12.7 million to continue to provide more policing hours on traffic enforcement. It will provide for a continuation of an additional 500 officer hours per day of non-camera enforcement activity over peak holiday periods.
- Planning for a new Caboolture District, encompassing Caboolture, Bribie Island, Woodford, Kilcoy and Moore. A new 24 hour police station with District functions will be built at an approximate cost of \$9.5 million. The new district headquarters will be home to increased police, including CIB and JAB detectives and Traffic Branch.
- Planning for a new Coomera Police District to be created, at a total cost of \$10.7 million, taking in Beenleigh, Yatala, Stapylton, Ormeau, Ormeau Hills, Pimpama, Runaway Bay, Coomera, Jacobs Well, Hope Island and Biggera Waters. The district will consist of

General Duties, CIB and JAB detectives, Scenes of Crime, Intelligence officers and Traffic Branch.

- Purchasing three command and control vehicles worth \$0.636 million to be used to run and control planned and unplanned events in order to allow police to respond quicker and more efficiently.
- Training new passive powder drug detection dogs which can be used in public places and in licensed venues, sporting events and special events without a warrant. The police service plans to have nine fully trained drug detection dogs by the end of the year.
- Improving the safety of Queensland's waterways. \$8.2 million has been allocated to Water Police to purchase a replacement barge to patrol southern Moreton Bay, to replace three Class One 18 metre vessels at Cairns, Yeppoon and Thursday Island, and to buy six extra smaller vessels to be deployed across the State.

\$8.2 million for new vessels



The Government is providing a further \$97.3 million over the next four years which includes an additional \$5.836 million for new and upgraded police stations, watchhouses, police beats and police housing across the State in 2006-07. \$70.740 million will be spent in 2006-07 for infrastructure projects including:

- Commencing construction of new police stations at Sippy Downs and Surfers Paradise.