



QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE



STRAWBERRY SUPPLY CONTAMINATION WITH NEEDLES

\$100,000 REWARD

REWARD: The Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services has approved a reward of \$100,000 be offered for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for contamination with needles of strawberries from Queensland farms in September 2018.

INDEMNITY FROM PROSECUTION: In addition, an appropriate indemnity from prosecution will be recommended for any accomplice, not being the person who actually committed the crime, who first gives such information.

The allocation of the \$100,000 reward will be at the sole discretion of the Commissioner of the Queensland Police Service.

CIRCUMSTANCES: In September 2018, there have been a number of reports of contamination with sewing needles of Queensland strawberry supplies to various supermarkets. The strawberry supplies are from multiple farms in Queensland. The contamination has resulted in significant risk to the health of the public and resulted in substantial economic losses for the Strawberry industry.

Any member of the public with information which could assist Police is asked to contact:

- Queensland Policelink, Phone (07) 131 444; or
- any Police Station; or
- Crime Stoppers, Phone 1800 333 000.

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