



## **Vision of the Queensland Police Service**

‘Members of the community work with Queensland police  
to stop crime and make Queensland safer.’

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**The Queensland Police Service web address is “[www.police.qld.gov.au](http://www.police.qld.gov.au)”.**

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 2015/16* presents a comprehensive record of crime statistics for Queensland. This information provides an important evidence base which, combined with targeted and innovative policing strategies, enables the Queensland Police Service to fulfil its commitment to stopping crime and keeping the community safe.

Over the ten year period 2006/07 to 2015/16, there has been an overall decrease in Queensland's crime rate of 2%. Highlights over this period include a 19% decrease in the rate of offences against the person and a 21% decrease in offences against property.

This year's Statistical Review shows an increase of 6% in the State's overall crime rate, as compared with 2014/15. An increase does not necessarily mean more crime is being committed, as many factors can influence crime rates, including:

- Greater community confidence in the police and the criminal justice system, which manifests as an increased willingness to report offences.
- More officers on the frontline, which improves community safety by enabling more offences to be detected.
- Undertaking targeted police operations and blitzes to address areas of need and send a strong message to offenders.
- Increased use of technology by police, which creates operational efficiencies and allows officers to spend more time on the frontline.
- Targeted campaigns, such as the *Not Now, Not Ever* domestic and family violence campaign, which promote awareness and encourage people to speak out.

One area where there have been large increases in reported offences in 2015/16 is domestic and family violence. This is a complex issue that affects many people from all sections of the community. For the first time this year the Statistical Review explores domestic and family violence in-depth. By better understanding this area of our work we can partner more effectively with the community to prevent and reduce domestic and family violence in Queensland.



Ian Stewart APM, Commissioner of Police

Looking forward, the Queensland Police Service will continue to implement technology-based solutions to drive efficiencies and will improve its service delivery approach by harnessing innovation and working collaboratively with other agencies, the non-government sector and the community.

I would like to thank all members of the Service, the community and our partners for their ongoing efforts and commitment.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Stewart'.

Ian Stewart APM  
COMMISSIONER



# Queensland Police Service Annual Statistical Review 2015/2016\*

## Crime Statistics



Overall crime  
(personal, property  
and other offences)  
↑ by 6%

For ten year period  
2006/2007  
to  
2015/2016  
Overall crime ↓ by 2%

Reported Crime  
2014/2015  
↓ 5%  
2015/2016  
↑ 4%

## People



**Fatalities (Easter 2016)**  
First time in 20 years



242 road fatalities  
7 more than last year

Homicide  
Homicide (murder) ↓ 5%  
a decrease of  
2 offences  
Other homicide ↓ 11%  
a decrease of  
8 offences

Armed robbery ↓ 1%  
Robbery ↑ 3%  
Sexual offences ↑ 2%



5,945 people reported missing  
5,919 were located = 99%



Offences  
against the  
person have  
↑ 9%

## Property



Fraud  
↓ 7%

Arson ↓ 1%  
Handling stolen goods ↑ 5%  
Other property damage ↑ 4%

Other theft (excl. unlawful entry) ↑ 5%  
Unlawful entry ↑ 2%  
Unlawful use of motor vehicle ↑ 10%

Property  
crime  
↑ 3%



## Proactive Policing\*\* (Other Offences)

Other offences  
↑ 8%

Weapons act  
offences ↑ 9%



Liquor offences  
↓ 20%



Traffic and related  
offences  
↑ 12%



Drug  
offences  
↑ 7%

Good order offences  
(e.g. public nuisance,  
obstruct police)  
↑ 1%

## Domestic and Family Violence

87,100 DFV related matters  
238 DFV matters each day  
18,611 DFV victims assisted



DFV other Referrals  
↑ 12%  
Police initiated  
DFV Application  
↑ 28%

Breach of DFV  
Protection Orders  
↑ 38%



\*Statistics highlighted here are reflective of a range of number and rate of reported offences.

\*\*These offences (with the exception of domestic violence) are general detected by police and sometimes referred to as Other Offences.



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