

QUEENSLAND TO ESTABLISH STATEWIDE INTELLIGENCE NETWORK

Police will soon have a new tool in the fight against crime with the creation of Queensland's first statewide intelligence network, Police Minister Judy Spence announced today.

Ms Spence told State Parliament the network would be implemented in April alongside a new information management system designed to help make it faster and easier for police across the state to access information when investigating crimes.

Ms Spence said the state government has spent more than \$35 million on the Queensland Police Records and Information Management Exchange system (QPRIME).

"QPRIME will give all police officers the IT capability to share critical information - anytime, anywhere," Ms Spence said.

"For the first time, police will have immediate access to more than 350,000 mug shots, 470,000 offender entries, digital boundary maps and advanced Geographical Information Systems. Officers will also have instant access to files on missing persons, sudden deaths, traffic accidents and complaints, and Crime Stoppers files."

"In addition to helping our frontline police, this system will be used to link more than 340 officers who are involved in gathering and analysing intelligence information. This will result in big time savings for police, who will be able to spend more time on operational duties - and less on paperwork and computer data entry."

Ms Spence said QPRIME will be implemented in two phases, the first starting in April.

"This new streamlined information system will break down the distance between police in different corners of the state - and further assist police to prevent, detect and solve crimes at a neighbourhood, regional and state level," Ms Spence said.

Ms Spence said the second phase will be implemented in 2007 and will allow the intelligence network to study crime trends from a whole-of-Queensland viewpoint.

"Once fully operational, QPRIME will replace more than 230 different databases and indices used to store police information with just one, state of the art system," Ms Spence said.

"In terms of crime-fighting, this will provide police officers with a one-stop-shop for information about offenders, repeat incidents and crime trends. In addition, for the first time large-scale crime trends in any part of the state will be identified in real time, instead of retrospectively."

QPRIME

The Queensland Police Service is currently preparing to implement a single, new policing information system that will consolidate and replace many of the numerous information systems currently being used in the Service.

When fully implemented, QPRIME (Queensland Police Records and Information Management Exchange) will be used to manage most policing incidents and conduct performance reporting, task management and information analysis. Due to the large scope of the QPRIME Project, it is being implemented in three phases, commencing in early 2006.

The QPRIME integrated policing solution will comprise:

- QPRIME - a Commercial-off-the-Shelf law enforcement information system, Niche RMS, being supplied by Niche Technology Inc., Canada, which will enable all police incidents to be recorded and managed in a single system;
- QPRIME Analysis - a suite of reporting and Information Analysis tools which will enable police to easily access and analyse information held in QPRIME; and
- QPRIME Mapping - a mapping and Geographical Information System linked to QPRIME, which will enable police to map incidents, places of interest and policing boundaries.

QPRIME Objectives:

- To reduce the administrative burden for operational police;
- To improve the effectiveness of operational policing;
- To improve the efficiency of operational policing;
- To enhance the targeting of operational police time and resources;
- To improve system availability, flexibility and support costs;
- To reduce crime;
- To increase public confidence;
- To provide a strategic platform for future initiatives;
- To improve value through quality integrated incident information; and
- To improve service delivery to the community.