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24 June 2005

Mr Neil Laurie
Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Please find enclosed a copy of my response to the Principal Petitioner (Mr Len Bilston) for tabled petition number 405-04 relating to policing in the Moorooka Police Division.

An electronic version of the response has been emailed to your office.

Yours sincerely

Judy Spence MP
Minister for Police and Corrective Services

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Mr Len Bilston
98 Elmes Road
ROCKLEA QLD 4108

Dear Mr Bilston

I refer to the petition to members of the Queensland Legislative Assembly, signed by you and a number of other citizens, seeking 24-hour staffing at Moorooka Police Station and an awareness campaign to inform local people of how to access the police.

I requested information on this matter from the Queensland Police Service and am advised that the Officer in Charge of Moorooka Station, Senior Sergeant Greg Wilson, recently spoke with you about the issues raised in the petition.

With regard to current arrangements for the delivery of policing services in the Moorooka Police Division, I am advised Moorooka Station operates an office/counter service between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday. The Station also provides a policing response to the community through officers performing operational duties and mobile patrols on a 24-hour, seven days per week basis. When the Station is unattended, all incoming calls are automatically diverted to Inala Station. In addition, a direct-link telephone at the front door of Moorooka Station provides immediate access to police at Inala Station.

I am further advised that eight Neighbourhood Watches operate within the Moorooka Police Division. Each of these has a designated police liaison officer who continually addresses the concerns of the Watch members and conducts awareness sessions with them regarding procedures for contacting their local police.

Moorooka Police Station is in the South Brisbane Police District and is resourced in accordance with the Queensland Police Service's Staffing Allocation Model, which is used to determine police staffing allocations across the State. The Model is continually revised and updated on the basis of assessments of relative workloads and police staffing needs of all areas as identified through crime, population and traffic statistics and various other service delivery factors common to all communities.

The Beattie Government has been and remains strongly committed to increasing police numbers and supporting the Queensland Police Service. The 2004-05 State Budget provided a record investment in policing of more than \$1 billion. Since coming to office in 1998 we have increased the number of extra police officers by about 300 each year. That has meant training about 600 recruits each year to allow for attrition.

The Government is on target to exceed our goal of 9100 Queensland police officers by September 2005. After achieving this, we will continue to maintain police numbers above the national average of the police-to-population ratio.

Since coming to office the number of approved police officers has increased from 343 to 405 as at 1 March 2005 in the South Brisbane Police District. In the Metropolitan South Police Region, the number of police officers has increased from 725 to 963 as at 1 March.

Should you have any further enquiries relating to the issues raised in the petition, please contact the Officer in Charge of Moorooka Police Station, Senior Sergeant Wilson on telephone 3255 9541.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Judy Spence MP

Acting Minister for Police and Corrective Services

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