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1 February 2006

Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
Cnr Alice and George Streets  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Neil

I refer to petition numbers 540-05 and 545-05 tabled in the House requesting the establishment of a police beat ion the Nambour CBD. Please find attached a copy of my response to Mr Peter Wellington, the Member for Nicklin.

I would be grateful if you could arrange for my response to be tabled in Parliament on my behalf. As requested, an electronic copy of the letter will be forwarded to the Table Office.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

**Judy Spence MP**  
Minister for Police and Corrective Services

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Dear Mr Laurie

I am writing to provide my response to petition numbers 540-05 and 545-05 which were lodged by Mr Peter Wellington MP, Member for Nicklin and received by the Legislative Assembly on 28 and 29 September 2005 respectively.

Both petitions seek the establishment of a police beat in the Nambour CBD.

I have received information from the Queensland Police Service on the issues raised in the petition.

The Police Service advises that Nambour Police Station has been allocated additional staff to undertake beat duties within the Nambour CBD. Police allocated to beat duty operate from Nambour Police Station due to its close proximity to the CBD. Beat duty is performed on a daily basis through the week with shifts also being undertaken on Thursday nights and Saturdays.

Other members of the Nambour Police Station also perform duties in the CBD area. In addition, policing in the CBD is supported by officers attached to various Sunshine Coast District police units including the Criminal Investigation Branch, Juvenile Aid Bureau, Traffic Branch, Dog Squad and Scenes of Crime Office.

Policing within the Nambour CBD is monitored by the Assistant Commissioner, North Coast Police Region, who advises that the current arrangements provide an adequate response to policing issues within the Nambour area.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Cc: Mr Peter Wellington  
Member for Nicklin