



**Judy Spence MP**  
Member for Mount Gravatt



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

Dear Mr Laurie

I am writing to respond to petition number 752-06 lodged by Mrs Rosemary Menkens MP, Member for Burdekin, and received by the Legislative Assembly on 29 November 2006.

The petition seeks an increase in police numbers at Home Hill Police Station to allow for the Station to be staffed on a 24-hour basis.

This matter was referred to the Queensland Police Service and I am advised the recent apprehension of a number of offenders has resulted in a significant decrease in reported break and enter offences of dwellings and vehicles in the Home Hill central business district. The offenders in question are currently being dealt with through the criminal justice system.

With respect to police numbers, I am informed Home Hill Station's current allocation of three police officers is in accordance with the Police Service's Staffing Allocation Model. This Model is used for determining 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 staffing allocation of Home Hill Station will continue to be reviewed through this process.

The three officers at Home Hill are generally rostered to cover the period from 8.00am to 3.00am. When those officers are not rostered for duty, officers from the nearby Ayr Police Station perform patrols and attend to calls for service in Home Hill. Ayr Station has an approved allocation of 17 uniformed officers and operates on a 24-hour basis.

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The Home Hill area also receives policing services from officers attached to special units such as the Townsville District Tactical Crime Squad, Dog Squad and Traffic Branch and the Northern Region Drug Squad. In addition, officers from neighbouring Police Divisions are available to provide policing support for special events and emergency situations in the Home Hill Police Division.

Sergeant Darian Greenough of Home Hill Police is available on telephone number 4782 1300 to assist with any further enquiries about policing services in the Home Hill Division.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Judy Spence', is written over a rectangular area that has been redacted with a white box.

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