

## Appendix A: Questionnaire results

ID NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE — (dd/ mm/ yy) \_\_\_\_\_

COURT:

Brisbane	283
Ipswich	94
Maroochydore	72
Southport	122
Beenleigh	169
Rockhampton	20
Cairns	129
Townsville	116

INTERVIEWER NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**1 What is the most serious offence that you have been charged with today?**

(Responses have been post-coded)

Homicide	1
Sexual assault	5
Assault	161
Robbery and extortion	9
Fraud	41
Theft	196
Property damage	45
Dangerous driving	10
Drug	318
Offensive behaviour	112
Trespassing and vagrancy	18
Weapons	23
Enforcement of order	53
Other	10

**2 What else have you been charged with?** (Responses have been post-coded)

Sexual assault	1
Assault	49
Fraud	8
Theft	40
Property damage	18
Dangerous driving	1
Drug	100
Offensive behaviour	21
Trespassing and vagrancy	2
Weapons	6
Enforcement of order	4
Other	50

<b>3</b>	<b>Are you in court today as a result of:</b>		
	Being arrested and granted bail to appear in court?	266	→go to Q12
	A complaint and summons to appear in court?	31	→go to Q12
	A notice to appear in court?	695	
	An attendance notice?	9	

**SECTION 1: NOTICE TO APPEAR****4 At what point did police give you the (NTA/Attendance Notice)?****Was it:**

When you were first approached by police?	232
After you had been taken to the police station?	426
Don't know or don't remember	–
Other	38

**5 Did the police tell you that the notice requires you to attend at court?**

Yes	665
No	16
Don't know or don't remember	14

**6 Did you read the (NTA/Attendance Notice)?**

Yes	628	→go to Q8
No	62	
Don't know or don't remember	5	→go to Q8

**7 Why didn't you read the (NTA/Attendance Notice)?**

(Responses have been post-coded)

Police read it to me	13
Intoxicated/tired/upset	10
Couldn't be bothered	9
Already knew what it said	8
Literacy barrier	6
Other	9

All answers →go to Q9

**8 Did you understand the notice required you to attend at court today?**

Yes	629
No	3
Don't know or don't remember	1

**9 Did you at any time seek legal advice about the (NTA/Attendance Notice)?**

Yes	265
No	428

**10 At the time that you were given the (NTA/Attendance Notice), did you also receive an NTA at the police station for fingerprinting?**

Yes	218	
No	470	→go to Q12
Don't know or don't remember	6	

<b>11</b>	<b>Did you attend at the police station for fingerprinting?</b>		
	Yes	206	
	No	15	
	Don't know or don't remember	0	
<b>SECTION 2: FIRST CONTACT WITH POLICE</b>			
<b>12</b>	<b>Where were you when the police first approached you about the matters you have been charged with?</b>		
	In the street while on foot	161	
	On the road while driving	91	
	In your home	310	
	In some other person's home	65	
	At your place of work	19	
	At a police station	4	
	At a pub or nightclub	33	
	At a shopping centre or mall	76	
	Somewhere else	244	
<b>13</b>	<b>Had you used drugs or alcohol immediately prior to your contact with police?</b>		
	Yes	423	
	No	578	→go to Q15
<b>14</b>	<b>To what extent do you think you were affected by drugs or alcohol?</b>		
	Not at all affected	84	
	Moderately affected	217	
	Seriously affected	120	
<b>15</b>	<b>At that time did the police ask you any questions about these charges?</b>		
	Yes	490	
	No	501	→go to Q21
<b>16</b>	<b>How long did they question you (expressed in hours and minutes)?</b> (Responses have been post-coded)		
	Less than 10 minutes	215	
	11–30 minutes	171	
	31–60 minutes	62	
	61 minutes–4 hours	30	
<b>17</b>	<b>How did the police record the interview?</b>		
	It wasn't recorded	156	
	In writing in a notebook	142	
	On audio-tape	160	
	Don't know	20	
	Video	10	
<b>18</b>	<b>Did the police tell you at that time that you did not have to answer any questions if you did not want to?</b>		
	Yes	249	
	No	214	→go to Q20
	Don't remember	27	→go to Q20

<b>19</b>	<b>When did the police tell you this?</b>		
	Before the questioning	161	
	Part-way through the questioning	49	
	After the questioning	15	
	Other	23	
<b>20</b>	<b>What did they ask you about?</b> (Responses have been post-coded)		
	The offence	328	
	My identity	12	
	Other offences	9	
	Other	7	
	Combination	121	
	Don't remember	4	
<b>21</b>	<b>Did the police tell you their names?</b>		
	Yes	567	
	No	331	
	Don't remember	77	
	Both	26	
<b>22</b>	<b>Did the police tell you what police station they were from?</b>		
	Yes	558	
	No	345	
	Don't remember	87	
<b>23</b>	<b>Did the police ask whether you were prepared to come with them to be questioned?</b>		
	Yes	415	
	No	511	
	Don't remember	43	
<b>24</b>	<b>Were you arrested at any stage?</b>		
	Yes	393	
	No	542	→go to Q28
	Don't know or don't remember	67	→go to Q28
<b>25</b>	<b>How did you first realise you were under arrest?</b>		
	They told me I was under arrest	106	
	They took me to the station	27	
	They put me in the car	52	
	They said I had to go with them	25	
	They handcuffed me	39	
	They took me to the watchhouse	20	
	Other	123	
<b>26</b>	<b>Did the police tell you at any stage that you were under arrest?</b>		
	Yes	231	
	No	133	→go to Q28
	Don't remember	28	→go to Q28

<b>27</b>	<b>At what point did the police tell you that you were under arrest?</b> (Responses have been post-coded)		
	Initially and before questioning	184	
	Initially and during questioning	2	
	Initially and after questioning	5	
	In transit to the police station	7	
	At the station before the interview	3	
	When they charged me	2	
	When held in the watchhouse	2	
	Other	16	
	<b>All answers → go to Q29</b>		
<b>28</b>	<b>Did the police explain to you that you were not under arrest?</b>		
	Yes	277	
	No	435	
	Don't remember	56	
<b>SECTION 3: ATTENDANCE AT THE POLICE STATION</b>			
<b>29</b>	<b>Did you go to a police station at any stage?</b>		
	Yes	824	
	No	144	<b>→ go to Q41</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Altogether, about how long did you spend at the police station (expressed in hours and minutes)?</b> (Responses have been post-coded)		
	Less than 30 minutes	118	
	31–60 minutes	189	
	61 minutes–4 hours	408	
	More than 4 hours	126	
<b>31</b>	<b>Did you think you had to go to the police station?</b>		
	Yes	601	
	No	211	
	Don't know or don't remember	30	
<b>32</b>	<b>What did the police say to you about going to the police station?</b>		
	They said I had to	436	<b>→ go to Q34</b>
	They asked me to go	175	
	They said it was my choice	53	
	Other	162	
<b>33</b>	<b>Why did you go?</b> (Responses have been post-coded)		
	I had to	219	
	To cooperate	85	
	To clear things up	59	
	Police had evidence	14	
	To answer questions	10	
	I was under arrest	2	
	Other	14	
	Don't know	3	

<b>34</b>	<b>How did you get to the police station?</b>	
	Police vehicle	602
	Own vehicle	162
	Walked	65
	Other	21
<b>35</b>	<b>Did you object to going to the police station?</b>	
	Yes	128
	No	711
	Don't remember	8
<b>36</b>	<b>Did you ask to leave the police station at any time?</b>	
	Yes	138
	No	710 → go to Q38
	Don't remember	4 → go to Q38
<b>37</b>	<b>What happened?</b>	
	They ignored or refused my request	59
	They said I could leave when they had finished	56
	They let me leave immediately	16
	They arrested me	1
	Other	4
<b>38</b>	<b>Were you put in a cell at the police station?</b>	
	Yes	252
	No	601 → go to Q40
<b>39</b>	<b>How long were you held in the police cell (expressed in hours and minutes)?</b> (Responses have been post-coded)	
	Less than 30 minutes	30
	31–60 minutes	30
	61 minutes–4 hours	97
	More than 4 hours	81
<b>40</b>	<b>Were you granted bail? (Show copy of bail sheet)</b>	
	Yes	309
	No	514
	Don't remember	18
<b>41</b>	<b>What date were you charged (dd/mm/yy or a rough estimate)?</b>	
<b>42</b>	<b>Were you fingerprinted?</b>	
	Yes	622
	No	376
	Don't remember	6
<b>43</b>	<b>Were you photographed?</b>	
	Yes	616
	No	378
	Don't remember	9

**44 Did you get any legal advice in relation to this matter, other than from the duty solicitor here today, at any point before coming to court today?**

Yes	271
No	705
Don't remember	1

**SECTION 4: SEARCHES**

*SEARCH OF PERSON*

**45 Did the police search your person at any stage?**

Yes	467
No	534 → <i>go to Q59</i>

**46 Where were you searched? (Responses have been post-coded)**

	1 <sup>st</sup> time	2 <sup>nd</sup> time	3 <sup>rd</sup> time
In the street	67	5	–
Side of the road	36	3	–
Private residence	63	5	–
Place of work	5	–	–
Police station	225	53	6
Pub/nightclub	6	–	–
Shopping centre	15	1	–
Carpark	11	–	–
Park/bush	11	1	–
Train station	14	–	–
Other	10	2	1

**47 What type of search was it?**

	1 <sup>st</sup> time	2 <sup>nd</sup> time	3 <sup>rd</sup> time
Search bag/wallet → <i>go to Q52</i>	51	6	2
Pat down/Pocket turn-out → <i>go to Q52</i>	235	17	–
Removal of outer clothing → <i>go to Q52</i>	50	7	–
Removal of all clothing but not underwear → <i>go to Q49</i>	22	3	1
Removal of all clothing including underwear → <i>go to Q49</i>	109	37	4
Internal body cavity search → <i>go to Q48</i>	–	–	–

**48 Was the internal body cavity search conducted by:**

	1 <sup>st</sup> time	2 <sup>nd</sup> time	3 <sup>rd</sup> time
A medical practitioner	–	–	–
A police officer	–	–	–
Unsure	–	–	–

**49 Were you allowed to dress your upper body before removing clothing from your lower body?**

	1 <sup>st</sup> time	2 <sup>nd</sup> time	3 <sup>rd</sup> time
Yes	59	10	0
No	68	27	4

<b>50</b>	<b>Was the person conducting the search the same gender as you?</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> time</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> time</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> time</b>
	<i>Go to Q52</i> ← Yes	123	34	5
	<i>Go to Q51</i> ← No	1	4	0
<b>51</b>	<b>Do you know of any reason why the person conducting the search was not the same gender as you? (If yes, then specify)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> time</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> time</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> time</b>
	Yes	–	–	–
	No	4	–	–
<b>52</b>	<b>What do you think they were searching for? (Responses have been post-coded)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> time</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> time</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> time</b>
	Drugs	212	32	4
	Stolen property	18	1	–
	Weapon	38	3	–
	House-breaking implements	3	1	–
	Evidence	16	2	–
	Other	58	7	2
<b>53</b>	<b>Did the police tell you why they were searching you?</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> time</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> time</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> time</b>
	Yes	117	12	1
	<i>Go to Q55</i> ← No	343	56	6
<b>54</b>	<b>What reason did they give you for the search? (Responses have been post-coded)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> time</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> time</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> time</b>
	Looking for illegal substance	45	1	–
	Looking for weapon	13	3	–
	Looking for evidence	11	2	1
	Looking for stolen property	9	–	–
	Other	16	3	–
<b>55</b>	<b>Did the police find anything?</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> time</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> time</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> time</b>
	Yes	112	7	2
	<i>Go to Q57</i> ← No	353	62	5
<b>56</b>	<b>What was found? (Responses have been post-coded)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> time</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> time</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> time</b>
	Drugs	65	4	1
	Stolen property	8	–	–
	Weapon	8	–	–
	Money	7	1	–
	House-breaking implements	2	1	1
	Other	6	–	–
<b>57</b>	<b>Were you satisfied with the way the searches were conducted?</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> time</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> time</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> time</b>
	Yes	316	44	3
	No	141	25	1



**58 1. Why were you satisfied with the way the searches were conducted?**  
(Responses have been post-coded)

	1 <sup>st</sup> time	2 <sup>nd</sup> time	3 <sup>rd</sup> time
It was routine	122	12	1
They were nice	41	4	1
Wasn't intrusive/rough	53	5	–
It was quick	10	–	–
They weren't rude	13	1	–
They didn't find anything	7	–	–
Other	18	15	1

**2. Why were you dissatisfied with the way the searches were conducted?**

(Responses have been post-coded)

	1 <sup>st</sup> time	2 <sup>nd</sup> time	3 <sup>rd</sup> time
Too intrusive/rough	27	4	1
Search was unnecessary	21	8	1
Lack of privacy	19	2	–
Lack of information provided	12	5	–
Felt embarrassed/humiliated	17	1	–
Unpleasant manner of police	16	1	–
Other	28	4	–

*SEARCH OF VEHICLE*

**59 Did the police search your vehicle?**

Yes	155
No	843 → go to Q64

**60 Where was your car when it was searched?**

At your home	42
Parked in the street	75
Somewhere else	31

**61 Were you with your car when it was being searched?**

Yes	113 → go to Q64
No	38

**62 Was a notice left with your car informing you that the car had been searched?**

Yes	0 → go to Q64
No	36
Don't remember	1

**63 How do you know that your car was searched?** (Responses have been post-coded)

Someone else told me	7
Saw them from a distance	6
Car was in disarray/damaged	6
Police told me	6
They had my possessions	3
Other	6

*SEARCH OF PLACE AND PROPERTY*

<b>64</b>	<b>Did the police search any place where you lived or worked, or any other place?</b>	
	Yes	231
	No	770 → <i>go to Q78</i>
<b>65</b>	<b>Were you present during the search?</b>	
	Yes	182
	No	47 → <i>go to Q70</i>
<b>66</b>	<b>Did the police say they had a search warrant?</b>	
	Yes	118
	No	64
	Don't remember	3
<b>67</b>	<b>Did you see the warrant?</b>	
	Yes	105
	No	73 → <i>go to Q70</i>
<b>68</b>	<b>Did you read the warrant?</b>	
	Yes	76 → <i>go to Q70</i>
	No	29
<b>69</b>	<b>Why did you not read the warrant?</b> (Responses have been post-coded)	
	I chose not to read it	10
	Not enough time	7
	Upset/distracted	3
	I can't read	2
	Other	6
<b>70</b>	<b>Did the police leave you a copy of the search warrant?</b>	
	Yes	121
	No	96
	Don't know	9
<b>71</b>	<b>Did the police leave you with a statement of your rights and obligations?</b>	
	Yes	83
	No	135
	Don't know	12
<b>72</b>	<b>Did you know what the police were searching for?</b>	
	Yes	167
	No	64 → <i>go to Q74</i>
<b>73</b>	<b>How did you know what the police were searching for?</b>	
	From the warrant	34
	They told me	78
	Other	53
<b>74</b>	<b>Did the police find anything?</b>	
	Yes	177
	No	53 → <i>go to Q76</i>

<b>75</b>	<b>What did the police find?</b> (Responses have been post-coded)	
	Drugs	140
	Stolen property	11
	Weapon	6
	House-breaking implements	3
	Other	14
<b>76</b>	<b>Were you satisfied with the way the search was conducted?</b>	
	Yes	122
	No	99
<b>77</b>	<b>1. Why were you satisfied with the way the search was conducted?</b> (Responses have been post-coded)	
	It was routine	24
	They were respectful/considerate	18
	No mess or damage to property	41
	They weren't rude	8
	They didn't find anything	7
	Other	8
	<b>2. Why were you dissatisfied with the way the searches were conducted?</b> (Responses have been post-coded)	
	Made a mess/damaged property	28
	Search was unnecessary	3
	Search was conducted in my absence	12
	Lack of information provided	11
	Unpleasant manner of police	17
	No right to search	5
	Other	23
<b>78</b>	<b>In relation to any search, was any of your property seized?</b>	
	Yes	384
	No	612 → go to Q80
	Don't remember	4 → go to Q80
<b>79</b>	<b>Did the police give you a receipt for your seized property?</b>	
	Yes	160
	No	212
	Don't remember	10

## SECTION 5: QUESTIONING AT THE POLICE STATION

### FORMAL INTERVIEW

<b>80</b>	<b>(When you were at the police station) Did the police interview you about the matters you've been charged with?</b>	
	Yes	483
	No	516 → go to Q106
	Don't remember	6 → go to Q106

<b>81</b>	<b>How was the interview recorded?</b>	
	Not recorded	31
	In writing	54
	On audio-tape	184
	On video-tape	201
	Unsure	13
<b>82</b>	<b>How long did the interview take (expressed in hours and minutes)?</b>	
	(Responses have been post-coded)	
	Less than 10 minutes	94
	11–30 minutes	217
	31–60 minutes	107
	61 minutes–4 hours	55
	More than 4 hours	3
<b>83</b>	<b>Did you answer all the questions asked by the police during the interview?</b>	
	Yes	431
	No	49
	Don't remember	2
<b>84</b>	<b>Did the police tell you that you did not have to answer any questions if you did not want to?</b>	
	Yes	386
	No	60 → go to Q87
	Don't remember	36 → go to Q87
<b>85</b>	<b>Why did you answer all the questions asked by the police if you knew you didn't have to?</b>	
	(Responses have been post-coded)	
	Wanted to cooperate	280
	Knew I was guilty	19
	Felt I had no choice	1
	Police offered an incentive	5
	I had already admitted guilt	5
	Uninformed	6
	Police pressured/deceived me	3
	On advice of solicitor	1
<b>86</b>	<b>When did they tell you this?</b>	
	They had already told me	27
	Before the interview	315
	Part-way through the interview	29
	After the interview	4
	Other	3
<b>87</b>	<b>Did the police make it clear to you at this point that you were under arrest?</b>	
	I was not under arrest	128
	Yes	138 → go to Q89
	No	186
	Don't remember	27

<b>88</b>	<b>Did the police make it clear to you at this point that you were free to leave?</b>	
	Yes	137
	No	194
	Don't remember	12
<b>89</b>	<b>Did the police tell you that anything you say might be used in evidence?</b>	
	Yes	400
	No	63 → go to Q91
	Don't remember	21 → go to Q91
<b>90</b>	<b>When did they tell you this?</b>	
	They had already told me	28
	Before the interview	310
	Part-way through the interview	40
	After the interview	5
	Other	9
<b>91</b>	<b>Did the police tell you that you were entitled to telephone a friend or relative and have them present during questioning?</b>	
	Yes	293
	No	178 → go to Q93
	Don't remember	13 → go to Q93
<b>92</b>	<b>When did they tell you this?</b>	
	Before going to the police station	23
	At the police station before the taped interview	137
	At the beginning of the taped interview	98
	Part-way through the taped interview	16
	After the taped interview	5
	Other	6
<b>93</b>	<b>Did you have a friend or relative present with you during questioning?</b>	
	Yes	17
	No	439 → go to Q97
<b>94</b>	<b>Where did you speak with your friend/relative? (Responses have been post-coded)</b>	
	Interview or other private room	25
	Elsewhere in the station	4
	We were together throughout	7
	Other	3
<b>95</b>	<b>Did the police hold off questioning you until your friend/relative arrived?</b>	
	Yes	13
	No	3
	Don't remember	–
<b>96</b>	<b>How long did it take for your friend/relative to arrive? (Responses have been post-coded)</b>	
	Less than 10 minutes	6
	11–30 minutes	2
	31–60 minutes	2
	61 minutes–4 hours	5

<b>97</b>	<b>Did the police tell you that you were entitled to telephone a solicitor and have them present during questioning?</b>	
	Yes	297
	No	157 → go to Q99
	Don't remember	29 → go to Q99
<b>98</b>	<b>When did they ask you?</b>	
	Before going to the police station	17
	At the police station before the taped interview	146
	At the beginning of the taped interview	103
	Part-way through the taped interview	11
	After the taped interview	3
	Other	5
<b>99</b>	<b>Did you ask for a solicitor to be present?</b>	
	Yes	36
	No	445
	Don't remember	1
<b>100</b>	<b>Did you have a solicitor present with you during questioning?</b>	
	Yes	3
	No	476 → go to Q105
	Don't remember	1 → go to Q105
<b>101</b>	<b>Did the police provide you with a list of lawyers that you could contact?</b>	
	Yes	1
	No	3
	Don't remember	–
<b>102</b>	<b>Were you able to speak with your solicitor in a place where your conversation could not be overheard?</b>	
	Yes	3
	No	1
	Don't remember	–
<b>103</b>	<b>Did the police hold off questioning you until your solicitor arrived?</b>	
	Yes	2
	No	1
	Don't remember	–
<b>104</b>	<b>How long did it take for your solicitor to arrive (expressed in hours and minutes)?</b> (Responses have been post-coded)	
	31–60 minutes	2
	More than 4 hours	1
<b>105</b>	<b>Were you given a copy of a taped interview, or was a copy of the taped interview made available to you?</b>	
	I did not have a taped interview	73
	Yes	315
	No	91

<b>106</b>	<b>When you were at the police station, did the police ask you any questions that were not part of a formal taped interview?</b>	
	Yes	331
	No	597 → go to Q108
	Don't remember	30 → go to Q108
<b>107</b>	<b>What did they ask you about? (Responses have been post-coded)</b>	
	The offence	168
	My identity	48
	Other offences	34
	Personal questions	14
	Information about friends/associates	17
	Same as interview/rehearse interview	5
	Other	19
<b>108</b>	<b>Are you an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?</b>	
	No	941 → go to Q111
	Yes	62
	<i>Specify</i> → Aboriginal	50
	Torres Strait Islander	16
<b>109</b>	<b>Did the police tell you that they had notified a Legal Aid organisation that you were being held for questioning?</b>	
	Yes	9
	No	48
	Don't remember	2
<b>110</b>	<b>If you did not want another person with you at the interview, did the police ask you why not?</b>	
	I did have another person with me	8 → go to Q112
	Yes	3 → go to Q112
	No	38 → go to Q112
<b>111</b>	<b>Are you from a non-English-speaking background?</b>	
	No	915
	Yes	89
<b>112</b>	<b>Did you have any difficulty understanding what the police said to you because of language difficulties?</b>	
	Yes	35
	No	969 → go to Q115
<b>113</b>	<b>Do you think the police knew you didn't understand what they were saying?</b>	
	Yes	17
	No	9

**114 Did the police provide an interpreter at the following times:**

	YES	NO
When you were first approached by police	0	11
When you were first informally questioned	0	11
When you or your property was searched	0	11
When you were taken to the police station	0	11
When you were questioned informally at the police station	1	10
When you were searched at the police station	1	10
When you were formally interviewed	1	10

**SECTION 6: COMPLAINTS AND FURTHER COMMENTS****115 Did the police at any stage use any force towards you?**

Yes	197
No	800 → go to Q120

**116 What kind of force did they use?**

Open hand	39
Closed fist	23
Tight handcuffs	90
Baton	6
Capsicum spray	–
Discharge of firearm	–
Police dog/s	2
Torch or other implement	9
Other	154

**117 At what point did police use the force you have described?**

At the first point of contact	120
While being arrested	53
When they put me in the police vehicle	46
While in the police vehicle	12
While at the police station	40
Other	9

**118 Did the police use force because you resisted arrest?**

Yes	41
No	154

**119 Did the police use force as a result of a general fight or struggle between you and the police?**

Yes	48
No	805

**120 Did the police at any time use any form of restraint against you?**

Yes	199
No	805 → go to Q123



<b>121</b>	<b>What kind of restraint did the police use?</b>	
	Held by hands	73
	Handcuffs	140
	Neck restraint	38
	Other	43
<b>122</b>	<b>At what point did police use the restraint?</b>	
	At the first point of contact	109
	While being arrested	67
	When they put me in the police vehicle	52
	While in the police vehicle	19
	While at the police station	30
	Other	15
<b>123</b>	<b>How well would you say you understood what was going to happen following your contact with the police?</b>	
	Very well	238
	Fairly well	414
	Not very well	181
	Not at all well	166
<b>124</b>	<b>Were you unhappy with any aspect of the police treatment of you?</b>	
	Yes	456
	No	547 → go to Q129
<b>125</b>	<b>What were you unhappy about?</b> (Responses have been post-coded) Multiple responses were permitted.	
	Rough treatment	92
	Assault	36
	Tight handcuffs	8
	Drove car roughly	3
	Impolite, rude or verbally abusive	71
	Didn't tell me my rights/provide information	43
	Lied/tricked or misled me	14
	Twisted my words	6
	Intimidation	48
	Assumed my guilt – didn't listen to me	35
	Tried to provoke/upset me	18
	Tried to frighten me	14
	Harassed/victimised/humiliated me	13
	Coercion generally	10
	Unhappy with an aspect of a search	48
	Property damaged as a result of a search	6
	Took my property	5
	Shouldn't have charged/arrested me	51
	Didn't allow access to facilities or outside contact	31
	The process took too long	26
	Unhappy with an aspect of an interview	7
	Didn't assist me to get home after release	5

Didn't account for my children	5
Put in watchhouse	5
Other	132
<b>126 Did you make a complaint to anyone in relation to these concerns?</b>	
Yes	90
No	360 → <i>go to Q128</i>
<b>127 To whom did you make the complaint?</b>	
Police officer/s	48 → <i>go to Q129</i>
Criminal Justice Commission	10 → <i>go to Q129</i>
MP or Local Member	→ <i>go to Q129</i>
Media	1 → <i>go to Q129</i>
Legal Service	17 → <i>go to Q129</i>
Don't remember	→ <i>go to Q129</i>
Other	19 → <i>go to Q129</i>
<b>128 Why did you not make a complaint?</b> (Responses have been post-coded)	
It wouldn't do any good	109
Did not know how to	45
Too much trouble/apathy	39
Not serious enough	35
Fear of repercussions	27
I have no evidence	6
Didn't think of it	2
Other	68
<b>129 Is there anything positive you would like to say about the way you were treated by police?</b> (Responses have been post-coded) Multiple responses were permitted	
Friendly/polite	194
All right/reasonable	111
Matter-of-fact	85
Not unpleasant	18
Understanding	33
Helpful	29
Other	144
<b>130 In what ways do you think the police could have improved their treatment of you?</b> (Responses have been post-coded) Multiple responses were permitted	
Police should have:	
Been more polite	120
Provided information about process/legal rights	117
Refrained from assaulting the respondent	50
Not arrested/incarcerated the respondent	66
Given the respondent a chance to explain himself/herself	64
Provided access to facilities	14
Not harassed the respondent	49
Called Murri Watch	3
Not kept the respondent waiting	24

Not treated the respondent as a criminal	58
Allowed outside contact	19
Assisted the respondent with transport after release	8
Other	222

**131 Do you have anything else you would like to add about any aspect of your experience with the police?**

Comment provided	340
No comment provided	665

**SECTION 7: DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

**132 How old are you? (Responses have been post-coded)**

Under 17 years	23
17–19 years	259
20–29 years	440
30–39 years	170
40–49 years	81
50–59 years	21
More than 60 years	6

**133 What is your gender?**

Male	803
Female	202

**134 What is your highest level of education?**

Did not complete primary school	11
Did not complete secondary school	587
Completed secondary school (i.e. finished year 12)	197
Basic vocational qualification (taking up to 2 yrs to complete)	44
Skilled vocational qualification (taking 2–4 yrs to complete)	58
Diploma	26
Degree or higher	77
Other	3

**135 What is your current employment status?**

Student	89
Home duties	23
Retired	1
Pension	107
Unemployed (looking for work)	299
Employed part-time/casual	153
Employed full-time	300
Other	22

**136 What is the postcode where you are currently living? \_\_\_\_\_**

**137 Have you ever previously been in trouble with the police?**

Yes	615
No	388 → go to Q139

<b>138</b>	<b>What was that about?</b> (Responses have been post-coded)	
	Homicide	2
	Sexual assault	5
	Assault	50
	Robbery and extortion	12
	Fraud	8
	Theft	101
	Property damage	20
	Driving	20
	Drug	135
	Other	213
<b>139</b>	<b>Have you been charged with a criminal offence before?</b>	
	Yes	368
	No	585

## Appendix B: Interview preamble

Interviewers approached potential respondents using the preamble outlined below. Respondents were selected based on answering the questions affirmatively:

- ▶ Excuse me, can you tell me if you are in court facing charges today?
- ▶ Is this the first time you have been to court about these charges?
- ▶ My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I work for the Research and Prevention Division of the Criminal Justice Commission.

Last year, the Queensland Government made changes to the law relating to police powers. The Criminal Justice Commission is conducting a research project to see what impact this might have on what happens to people who are arrested. The aim of the research is to find out if the police treat people fairly, and to see if changes in the law have changed what happens when police arrest people.

I have something here in writing that explains the research.

We are interviewing about 900 people who were arrested to find out about their experience with the police. We do not record names or addresses as part of the survey, and you will not be able to be identified. We are just interested in your story. What you tell us will be strictly confidential, and nobody else will have access to it. You don't have to do the interview if you don't want to, and you don't have to answer every question if you don't want to.

The interview should take about 15 minutes of your time this morning.

- ▶ Are you willing to participate in an interview?
- ▶ Have you got time now?
- ▶ Before we go ahead, are you represented by a lawyer here today?
- ▶ Are they here with you?
- ▶ I'd just like to ask the permission of your lawyer as well, so that they know why I'm talking with you.

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