

Central Operations examples of good work and operational success

Operational Command Unit	Activity	Outcomes
Central Operations combined operation	<p>In May 2006, Central Operations planned and executed an operation to disrupt criminals traversing the River Thames, by means of an intelligence-led Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) operation mounted on various Thames bridges to target in particular offenders planning to commit violence. This tactic required the combined support of the Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) teams and Tasking teams from CO15 Traffic OCU and CO20 Territorial Support Group (TSG), as well as borough based resources provided by Territorial Policing. The operation was particularly successful in preventing criminals from crossing the river in order to offend.</p>	<p>Document offences (no insurance) - 35 Document offences (no driving licence) -4 Vehicle Seizures (no insurance) - 38 Stolen vehicles recovered - 2 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) (No Insurance) - 30 Endorsable FPNs - 8 Non-endorsable FPNs - 5 Arrests - 50 Process - 46.</p>
Air Support Unit	<p>Police were alerted to a suspect device, cylindrical and with nails strapped to it. Upon arrival and assessment by local officers, it was deemed necessary to move the public away from the device. This device was situated within a busy area of Shepherds Bush. The MPS helicopter was requested and deployed to the vicinity to assist local Police in moving the crowds, as they appeared to be ignoring ground units.</p> <p>A moped failed to stop for Police. The MPS helicopter deployed to the vehicle pursuit and provided commentary to NSY and ground units as to the vehicle and suspects location. The vehicle was stolen via means of a burglary.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 'sky shout' PA system was used by the helicopter crew to achieve effective crowd dispersal. • Live pictures of the incident scene were also down linked to NSY whereby it assisted senior officers in decision making and officer deployment. • The rider was arrested for aggravated TDA, assault on Police upon arrest and turned out to be "wanted" for attempted murder.

	<p>This incident occurred on Fulham and Hammersmith BOCU. For the past few months the helicopter has been deployed to this BOCU to assist in reducing street crime, especially 'moped robberies'.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASU assistance has resulted in eight arrests for robbery and other offences
CO14 Clubs and Vice	<p>Operation Atun - This operation tackling Class 'A' drug dealing and associated violence and criminality in the Fridge nightclub, Brixton was carried out in partnership with Lambeth borough. Undercover observations built up significant evidence against three main dealers and, with the support of 100 officers from the Territorial Support Group (TSG) and other Central Operations and Lambeth resources, the premises was raided.</p> <p>Operation Rotunda. Targeted a gang of Albanian nationals that trafficked women into and around the UK for the purpose of prostitution. Women as young as 16 were tricked into coming into Britain and forced into prostitution through violence and threats to them and their families back home.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three arrests for supplying Class A drugs A number of other arrests for possession offences The Liquor licence was reviewed and 26 new conditions added to ensure the premises was properly conducted in the future With overwhelming evidence presented, one suspect pleaded guilty to offences of supplying Class A drugs and in July of this year was sentenced to 6 years imprisonment The operation resulted in the first ever conviction for the offence of 'Conspiring to traffic women to Britain for sexual exploitation' The five members of the gang received jail sentences totalling 63 years In addition the CO14 Financial Investigation Unit successfully confiscated £82,000 from them in July of this year
CO15 Traffic	<p>ANPR Intercept operation in Barking.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three males were arrested: one for possession of drugs (cannabis), one for Forgery/Theft and one for possession of steroids with intent to supply S18 search at the home address of the latter

	<p>THINK campaign. Drink/Drive activity during the first quarter of 2006/07 has yielded the best ever drink drive arrest figures.</p> <p>May '06 was the best month since January 2006 for the issue of Fixed Penalty Notices for THINK campaign offences.</p> <p>The Commercial Vehicle Unit at Catford recovered 17 shotguns during an operation May/June 06.</p> <p>1,154 vehicle seizures undertaken so far this planning year (April - July '06).</p>	<p>prisoner found in excess of 5 kilos of cannabis resin, a quantity of cocaine and a gun. A further four persons arrested at the address for firearms offences and possession with intent to supply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 403 arrests (this is a 27% increase over the previous best qtr - 4th qtr 05/06 • 2,452 FPNs issued in total • 938 FPNs for Speeding Offences, 408 for Seat belt offences, 12 for driver not proper control of vehicle and 1,094 for mobile phone offences.
CO17 Transport	<p>TOCU South East Task Team officers were on a plain-clothed pushbike patrol in Camberwell when they spotted two youths behaving suspiciously outside a shop. One was suspected of acting as a lookout while the other was inside. When both of the youths left together, the officers followed them to a side street, calling on a police carrier to block off the exit at the other end of the street. The suspects were searched.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One suspect had a bag of cannabis and was fined. The other was wearing two pairs of trousers and had a 9 mm bullet in his back pocket and was sentenced to six months imprisonment for possession of a live round of ammunition. • Suspects were found to be on the Trident nominal list.

	<p>Officers from the TOCU's South West route team B were conducting routine patrols in Tooting when they stopped a car after spotting that its driver was not wearing a seat belt. The officers' suspicions were aroused when they noticed the smell of cannabis coming from the car. The vehicle was searched and also the occupants' home address.</p> <p>Two suspects, aged 14, had attempted to set fire to a bus in Romford on the 8 July, the day after the bombings. They then succeeded in setting fire to another bus on 20 July, which resulted in its total destruction, endangering the lives of seven people who were on board at the time. Damages amounted to £80,000. BusTag officers analysed CCTV images and identified the school that the two boys attended from their uniforms they were wearing at the time.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A large quantity of drugs including 85 rocks of crack cocaine and cannabis were found in the vehicle. • Officers recovered a large quantity of stolen goods including bankcards and mobile phones from the home address. • One of the four occupants was found to be on the borough's 10 most active criminal list. • Both youths were found guilty of arson with intent to endanger life. 								
CO19 Specialist Firearms	The following example of operational success highlights the type of operation Specialist Firearms Officers are engaged in on a regular basis. Officers from CO19 working alongside SCD8 (Trident and Trafalgar) officers arrested a 27-year-old male in Forest Gate East London. The operation resulted in two handguns with silencers and more than 100 rounds of ammunition being seized.									
CO20 Territorial Support Group	In May 2006, Operation Safer Streets was re-launched to target robbers and reduce the incidence of personal robbery. The Territorial Support Group through the MPS tasking and co-ordinating process has provided invaluable	<table> <tr> <td>TSG street crime arrests May 2006</td> <td>43</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Priority arrests including street crime</td> <td>163</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TSG street crime arrests June 2006</td> <td>74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Priority arrests including street crime</td> <td>160</td> </tr> </table>	TSG street crime arrests May 2006	43	Priority arrests including street crime	163	TSG street crime arrests June 2006	74	Priority arrests including street crime	160
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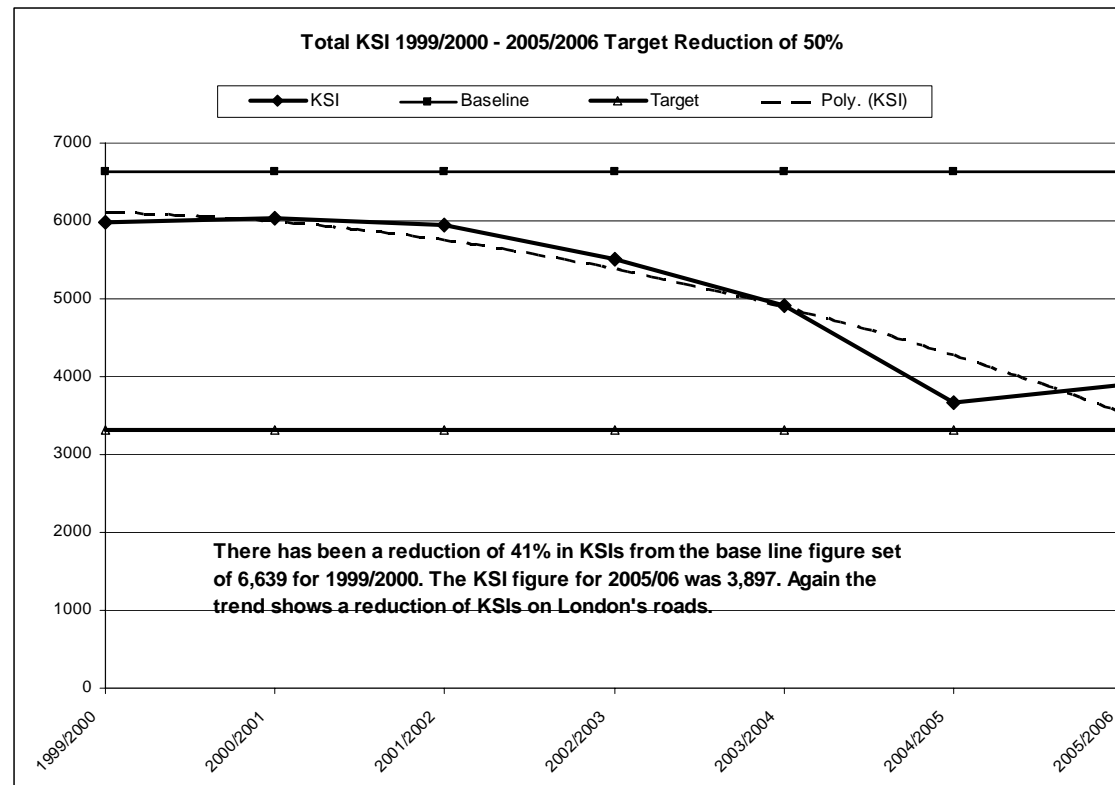
	support and resources to borough operations.	<i>Total street crime arrests</i> 117 Total Priority arrests including street crime 323
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Examples of Central Operations developed performance measure

The examples given relate to one particular aspect of Capital City Policing – policing London’s transport networks – and show holistic performance measures as delivered by three Central Operations operational command units: Traffic OCU, Traffic Criminal Justice OCU and Transport OCU.

Traffic OCU is responsible for reducing road casualties and making the roads a crime free environment. The first performance measure selected is the number of killed and seriously injured casualties on London’s roads, and the Public Service Agreement targets have been adopted.

	KSI	Baseline	Target
1999/2000	5974	6639	3320
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2002/2003	5514	6639	3320
2003/2004	4912	6639	3320
2004/2005	3662	6639	3320
2005/2006	3897	6639	3320



Baseline KSI 1999/2000 = 6639 Final KSI 2005/06 = 3897 Reduction 41% v's Target of 50% by March 2010

The second set of Traffic OCU measures further monitor activities aimed at casualty reduction as well activities to reduce crime on the road network. "THINK!" campaign activity is measured through the number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued for offences of speeding, failure to wear a seat belt and not being in proper control of the vehicle (usually driving whilst operating a mobile telephone).

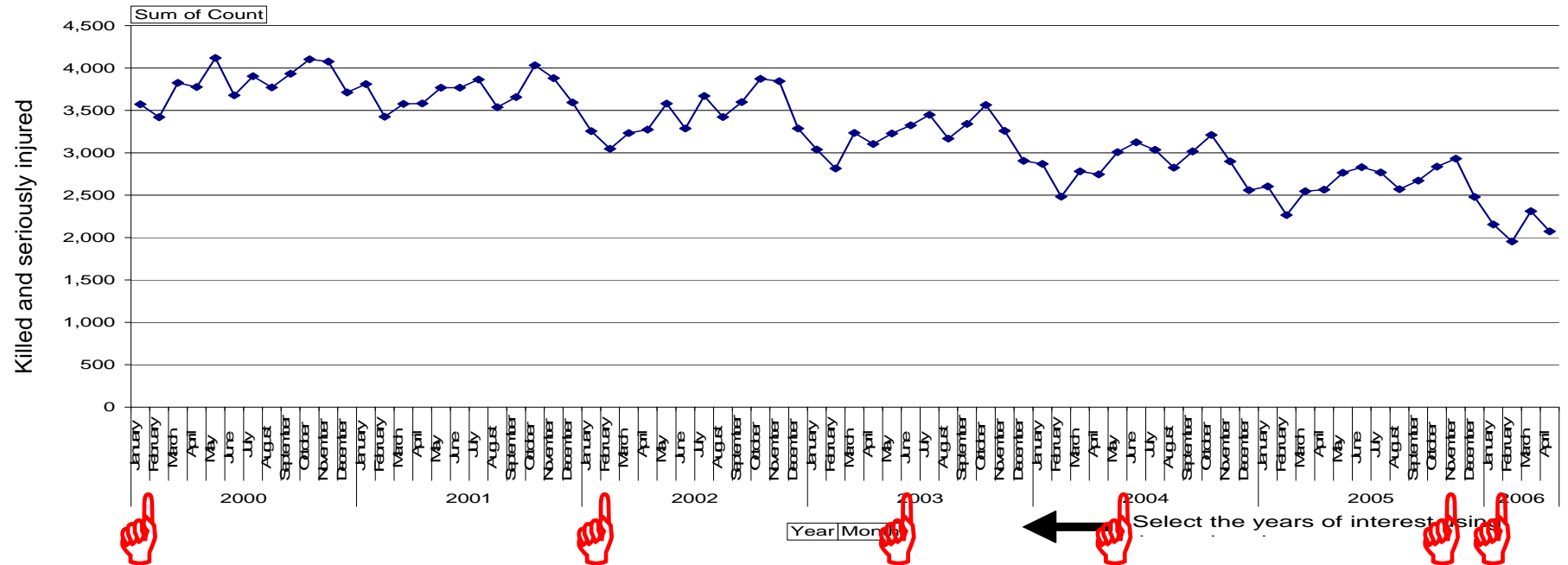
The third set of measures look at judicial outcomes from much of the first two sets of activities and these are owned by the Traffic Criminal Justice OCU. The table below shows the types of activities measured, along with annual volumes.

Traffic CJU	
Personal Injury collisions handled	27,000
Damage only collisions handled	39,000
Police collisions handled	3,900
Process report books handled	28,000
Prosecution cases laid at court	33,000
Summonses laid at court	68,000
Camera detected offences	
Notices of Intended Prosecution Issued	314,000
Conditional Offers of Fixed Penalty Issued	150,000
Conditional Offers of Fixed Penalty Paid	77%
Summonses laid at court	6,300
Traffic Fixed Penalty Notices	
Endorsable FPNs processed	41,000 per annum (67% of full tickets are paid and 31% fined – <i>however some do not become full tickets as people fail to surrender their driving licences. This is currently a problem.</i>)
Non-endorsable FPNs processed	63,000 per annum (72% paid, 26% fined)
Penalty Notices for Disorder	
Upper tier (£80 penalties) processed	17,000 per annum (44% paid, 54% fined)
Lower tier (£50 penalties) processed	1,500 per annum (42% paid, 56% fined)

Traffic Warrants	
New warrants placed on MPS EWMS database	5,340
Outstanding warrants at any one time	3,500
Executed traffic warrants	3,400

The following chart illustrates performance impact following the introduction of influencing activities by Traffic Criminal Justice OCU.

Signposts showing the introduction of influencing activities by TCJ OCU



Introduction of new fixed penalty processing system.

Processing is largely automatic. Where penalties are not paid or a hearing requested, an automatic fine is raised at court

Introduction of London Safety Camera Partnership operated from Marlowe House

Research by the TRRL indicates that fatal and serious collisions fall by at least 59% at camera sites

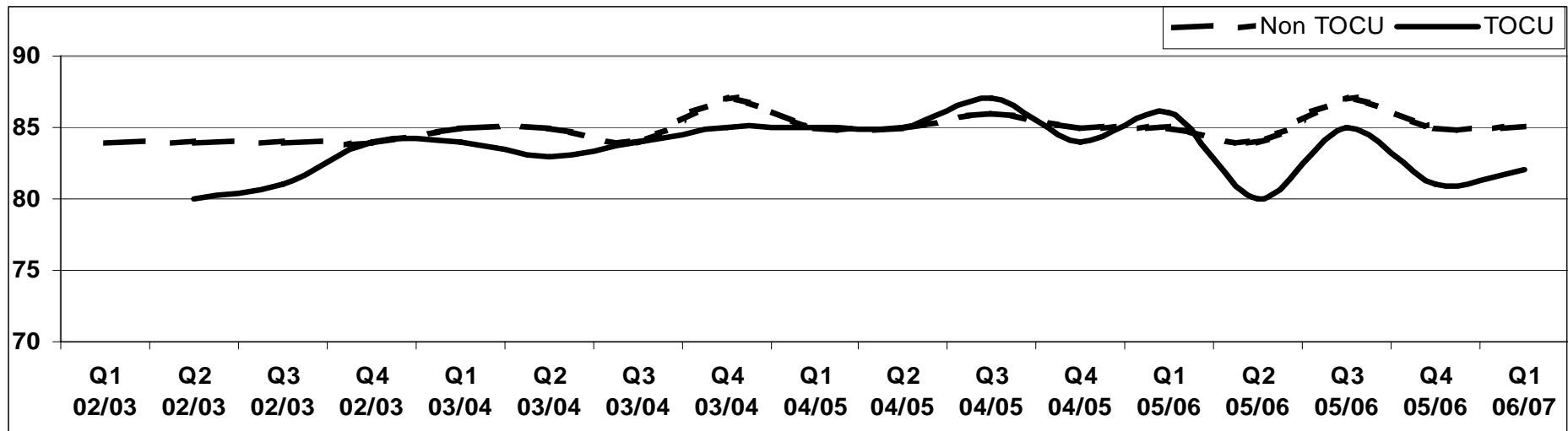
Introduction of Traffic and Transport CJU (pilot project)

Centralised processing by TCJ OCU has ended a traffic prosecution "postcode lottery" where police action depended on local priorities. Now where there is evidence of bad driving, either from a collision report or a police report, a driver will always be prosecuted to a consistent standard.

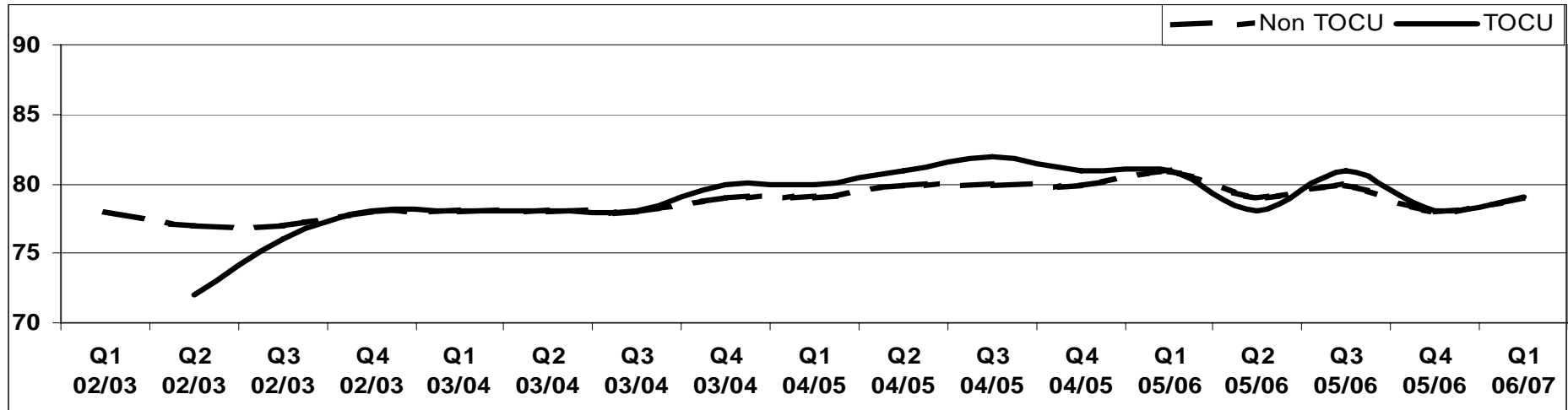
Introduction of full centralisation of MPS traffic prosecution at Marlowe House in 3 stages

The final set of measures demonstrate performance of Transport OCU whose work is about keeping specified sections of the public transport network (for example, nominated bus routes) safe and secure and congestion free.

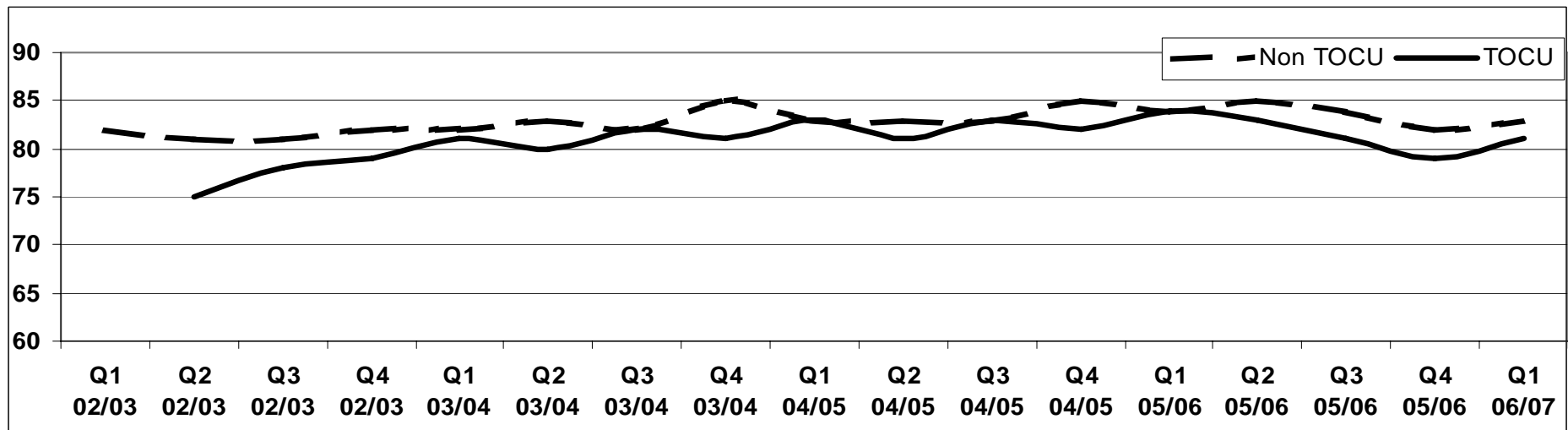
Passenger perception of safety/security on-bus



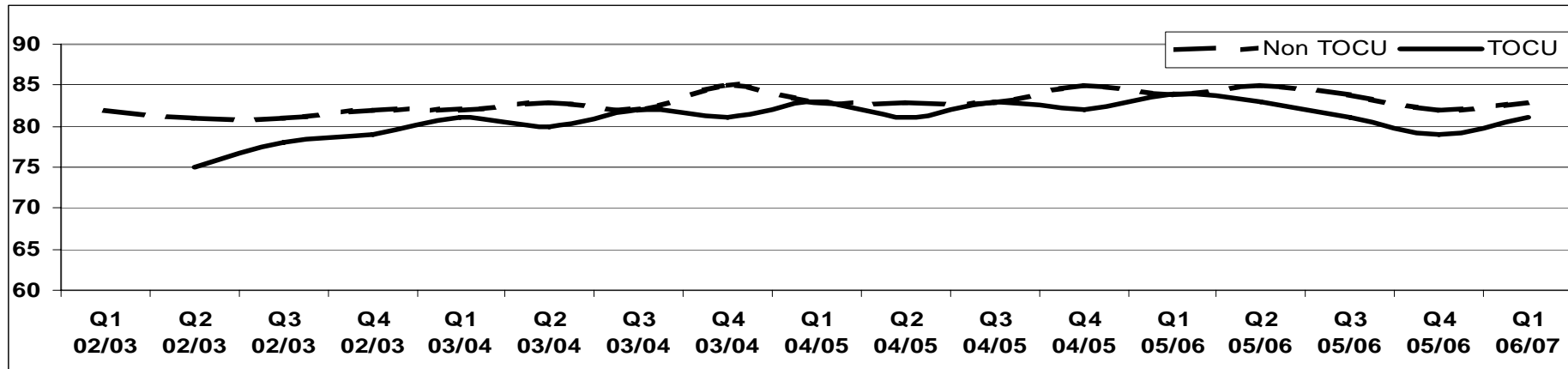
Passenger perception of safety/security at bus stops/shelters



Satisfaction with bus services (reliability)



Satisfaction with bus services (journey time)



The above charts reflect qualitative data extracted by means of an independent survey.