



Speech By  
**Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk**


**MEMBER FOR INALA**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Aurukun**

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.33 am): As I told the parliament yesterday, the priority for my government is for the children of Aurukun to continue their schooling. The safety of their teachers must also be assured. Until then, the government is putting in place options for Aurukun families and children.

As the education minister has advised, the Cairns School of Distance Education is making available an education program through the PCYC for students in Aurukun. I can advise the House that an experienced principal and two teachers will travel to Aurukun on Monday to support students in the distance education program. This program will be run at the Aurukun PCYC. The principal has extensive experience in Indigenous and rural and remote education.

The 24-hour police presence remains in Aurukun. An additional eight police officers arrived in Aurukun yesterday, bringing the total to 21 officers. I am advised that an additional four officers can be deployed at the weekend if required. I am further advised that there were no calls for service overnight related to the recent spate of property offences. Investigations continued yesterday in relation to the offences that occurred on Tuesday night.

As I advised the House, I will be travelling to Aurukun tomorrow. My government is determined to work with the mayor and his council to restore calm to the local community.