




Speech By
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Police Service, Enterprise Bargaining Agreement

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (2.06 pm): The safety of Queensland families and communities is a priority for my government. We respect and value the work of the men and women of the Queensland Police Service to keep our communities safe. Too often they put themselves in harm's way so that we are not.

Today, I can announce that my government will give our police the powers they need and the pay they deserve. An in-principle agreement has been reached between the Queensland Police Union, the Queensland Police Commissioned Officers' Union and the Queensland Police Service on a certified enterprise bargaining agreement for the next three years. The agreement includes an annual increase in wages of 2.5 per annum for Queensland Police Service officers from the rank of constable to the rank of chief superintendent.

Under the agreement, the police classification structure will also be streamlined and modernised. The agreement will also allow for senior constables, sergeants and senior sergeants access to higher pay points, which had not previously been the case. In recognition of a work-life balance for police officers, the agreement will also mean that there will be no rostering of rest days or professional days off on public holidays.

This agreement also recognises the complexity of policing, including counterterrorism, tackling serious organised crime in all its forms, domestic and family violence and the security for the Commonwealth Games. I want to pay tribute to the Minister for Police for his representations on behalf of the men and women of the Queensland Police Service.