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 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services) (2.37 pm): I will begin by updating the House about Damien Kennedy, a person who is subject to a supervision order under the Dangerous Prisoner (Sexual Offenders) Act. I am advised that Mr Kennedy has today been arrested in New South Wales and will appear in a Queensland court tomorrow. I take this opportunity to thank the Queensland Police Service, Queensland Corrective Services, New South Wales police, the community and the media for their assistance with this matter.

The Palaszczuk government is committed to a community safety outcome now and into the future. That is why I am so pleased that one of the Queensland Police Service's most distinguished officers, Deputy Commissioner Peter Martin, will soon be leading Queensland Corrective Services. Dr Martin has committed 38 years to the community as an outstanding police officer and will continue that dedication to the safety of all Queenslanders as our new Corrections commissioner.

Throughout his career serving the people of Queensland Dr Martin has performed both key operational and corporate roles throughout the state. Dr Martin is a highly decorated officer, having been awarded the National Medal, the National Emergency Medal, the Queensland Police Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. In addition, he was awarded the Australian Police Medal on Australia Day 2008. Dr Martin is also an adjunct professor at the University of Queensland; he is a researcher and a prodigious author.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Acting Commissioner Kerrith McDermott for her hard work since former Corrections commissioner Mark Rallings finished in the role. Dr Rallings led Queensland Corrective Services with intellect, dedication and energy, and I take this opportunity to thank him for his service. Under his management the Palaszczuk government has delivered Queensland's first earn or learn prison, Borallon Training and Correctional Centre. The recommissioned Borallon Training and Correctional Centre opened with a unique emphasis on education and employment, and he oversaw a program of upgrades to security and infrastructure right across the state.

Borallon Training and Correctional Centre is a prison designed to address the causes of crime by focusing on education, training and employment outcomes for prisoners. As at 30 September 150 prisoners were engaged in employment, with some prisoners exposed to real-life work experience opportunities through Australian Framing Solutions. Australian Framing Solutions is a part of Queensland Corrective Services' workRestart initiative, a prison program that focuses on building relationships with firms to enable them to conduct their business both within prisons and outside. In another Queensland first, TAFE Queensland has established an on-site campus within the prison, delivering education and industry trade training, with courses in horticulture, engineering and welding.

I am pleased to be part of a government ensuring the safety of Queenslanders while driving innovation and evidence based initiatives that reduce reoffending and keep Queenslanders safe.