



Speech By  
**Hon. Mark Ryan**


**MEMBER FOR MORAYFIELD**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, Security**

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (9.50 am): The 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games is shaping up to not only be the best games ever but also the safest and most successful games ever. It is the biggest event ever to be held in Queensland and the biggest security contingent ever has been deployed to keep Queenslanders, athletes and our visitors safe.

A joint emergency services coordination centre has now been activated on the Gold Coast as part of Queensland Police Service Operation Sentinel. The games' security operation has a workforce of more than 9,500 personnel, all working together to ensure a safe celebration. More than 3,700 police from around the state will be deployed to the Commonwealth Games across all venues: the Gold Coast, Brisbane, Townsville and Cairns, with a strong focus on the Gold Coast. They will be backed up by 4,200 security providers, 1,500 Defence Force personnel, Australian Federal Police, police from other state jurisdictions and Commonwealth intelligence agencies.

I can advise the House that all accreditation and security checks are on track. Security assessments of all games venues have been completed and they will be subject to ongoing inspections to maintain safety and security. This includes a lockdown and search of the games village to make sure that Minister Jones did not leave anything behind when she spent the night there.

Our meticulous planning means that our business-as-usual policing operations across the state will be maintained during the games period through our sound management of leave, training and overtime of our Queensland Police Service members. As well as providing police with the resources they need to keep Queenslanders safe for the Commonwealth Games, our government has brought in new police powers to ensure that safety and security are maintained. The security measures that are in place for the Commonwealth Games will mean that our Commonwealth Games will be the safest and best ever.