




Speech By
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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (10.37 am): As our population continues to grow our government remains committed to taking action to keep our communities safe, both today and in the future. One way we are doing that is by having the strongest, toughest, most comprehensive organised crime legislation in the nation. Our government and the Queensland Police Service remain ever vigilant when it comes to criminal offending and preventing crime, particularly in relation to outlaw motorcycle gangs.

I am pleased to inform the House that last week officers from the Organised Crime Gangs Group's Taskforce Maxima wrapped up an operation targeting drugs and firearms on the Darling Downs. As part of that operation search warrants were executed at multiple addresses across southern Queensland, and police have charged 22 people with 104 offences. Those charged include a number of known bikie members and associates.

Taskforce Maxima and the entire Queensland Police Service will continue to target members and associates of gangs who are causing harm to our community through the distribution of drugs and the possession of firearms. I am also pleased to inform the House that the Queensland Police Service has informed us that our strong laws are working and having the desired effect of building a safer community here in Queensland.