



Speech By  
**Hon. Mark Ryan**


**MEMBER FOR MORAYFIELD**

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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

### Police Resources

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (9.46 am): There are more police in Queensland than ever before. Queenslanders now see more police out and about in the community than ever before. Our Police Service is more mobile and more agile than ever before as it transitions to a borderless policing model. Queensland's police officers are better trained than ever before and better equipped than ever before with cutting-edge technology that is recognised—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order! Members to my left.

**Mr RYAN:** Our government is supporting the Queensland Police Service with a budget of approximately \$2.3 billion.

**Mr Hunt** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Member for Nicklin, you are warned under standing orders. I just issued a general warning and you did not heed it. Cease your interjections. I do not believe the minister is actually being provocative.

**Mr RYAN:** Our government is supporting the Queensland Police Service with a budget of approximately \$2.3 billion. That amount is about the same amount as last year's budget, but it must be remembered—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order, members!

**Mr RYAN:**—that the previous budget included a massive investment in policing on the Gold Coast and right across Queensland to ensure the biggest event in Queensland's history, the Commonwealth Games, was staged.

**Mr Crandon** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Minister, please resume your seat. Member for Coomera, you are warned under standing orders. Members to my left, this is not a free-for-all. It is not an entitlement to interject. The minister is not being provocative as I hear his statement.

**Mr RYAN:** It must be remembered that the previous budget included a massive investment in policing on the Gold Coast and right across Queensland to ensure the biggest event in Queensland's history, the Commonwealth Games, was staged safely, and it was. The Commonwealth Games was a resounding success.

Our government is funding an additional 535 police personnel over four years. The rollout has already begun. We have also established a new counterterrorism command. On the Gold Coast we are building a new police facility at Arundel as well as other facilities right across the state. The Gold Coast

has over 1,000 police officers dedicated to keeping their community safe. The latest data shows that there are more police officers on the Gold Coast than the Queensland Police Service approved allocation.

I am sure Gold Coast residents and business operators will be pleased to know that the Queensland Police Service is well resourced and is focused on fighting crime. It is the same situation on the Darling Downs, in the state's north, in the Moreton Bay region and right across the state. However, we must all live within our means, and as a government we are responsible—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order, members.

**Mr RYAN:** As a government we are responsible for spending taxpayers' dollars prudently.

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Members to my left, I have already instructed today that I would like you to cease your interjections. The minister is not being provocative. I will allow latitude if that is the case. This is my final warning. I will start foregoing warnings on standings orders and I will send people from the chamber. You have an opportunity during question time to interrogate the government.

**Mr RYAN:** Where savings can be made, they should be. It is about delivering more bang for taxpayers' buck. We make no apologies for the Police Service looking at ways to deliver more and better services in a more efficient manner. We are showing that by investing smartly we can deliver efficiencies and still increase police resources across the state. Greater mobility and the greater use of technology is delivering those efficiencies right now for our Police Service and we should be proud of that, not critical. The Queensland Police Service's efforts are in fact being recognised worldwide as best practice for these very things.

The Palaszczuk government is backing our front line with more police, more police facilities, more technology, more resources and more specialist officers than ever before, but it is also important to remember that by law the allocation of police resources is determined by the Police Commissioner free from political interference. The Commissioner is constantly reviewing options to ensure that the best possible service is provided to all people in Queensland, including those on the Gold Coast.