




Speech By
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 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (10.07 am): Last night I spent some time with our police on the Gold Coast. I took the opportunity—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! I will wait for the House to come to order.

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Mr SPEAKER: Who was speaking then? Member for Nicklin, you are warned under the standing orders.

Mr de Brenni interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Minister for Public Works, you are warned under the standing orders.

Mr RYAN: Last night I spent some time with our police on the Gold Coast and took the opportunity to look at their cutting-edge District Tasking and Communications Centre. What I saw was impressive. While I was there, experienced police explained to me how, just that night, they used the centre's technology to help find and arrest two arsonists. What was the time lapse from the commission of that offence to the arsonists being apprehended by police? It was one hour.

Senior police told me that, without this centre and its network of cameras, monitors and computer linkages, it would have taken at least 10 times as long to apprehend those offenders. Let us think about that: police have solved a crime and caught the perpetrators in less than one-tenth of the time it would normally take.

The implications are enormous. Police spend less time on each crime. Police spend more time on the road. People in the community see more police, more often. Fewer police are needed on each job as those who are on the ground are being guided from location to location by the team monitoring the massive array of screens back at the centre. This is modern policing. This is the Gold Coast putting its more than 1,000 police officers where they are needed, when they are needed. This is the future.

We are going to see a lot more of this—combining the latest technology and the best police to keep the community safe. In the 12 months that the centre has been running, the centre has helped resolve nearly 4,000 cases. It has also helped assist with 5,000 other cases.

Our Gold Coast police are doing an outstanding job. They are investing in new technology. They are applying the best officers. They are putting the right police in the right place at the right time. I take this opportunity to thank them not only for embracing technology but also for their extraordinary commitment to community safety right across the Gold Coast and right across Queensland.