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LEGAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Report, Motion to Take Note

 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (3.46 pm): This report presents a summary of the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee's examination of the Queensland Audit Office report No. 2 titled *Managing the mental health of Queensland police employees*. It puts front and centre the issue of mental health in the Police Service. Obviously, they do great work on the front line, but that has detrimental consequences to those officers and staff who time and time again have to experience events that the majority of us will never experience.

The report was tabled on 10 October 2017 during the 55th Parliament and it was referred to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee on 3 May following the commencement of the 56th Parliament. The objective of the Audit Office report was to analyse the ability of some of our departments, in this case the police, to manage the mental health of our Queensland police employees. The performance audit team were able to identify a number of recommendations and existing strategies that the police have in place in order to address this very complex and important issue.

One of the great aspects of having an external audit like this is that it provides large departments and businesses with an opportunity to cast a careful eye on some of the strategies they have in place. As we have heard, the QAO identified six recommendations. It is pleasing to see that the QPS have begun to implement or have implemented those recommendations.

I would like to pay tribute to the many wonderful police in my electorate. I would like to recognise all of the local police officers and staff in my community, including OIC Murray Crone at the Upper Mount Gravatt Police Station and OIC Kylie Doyle and her team at Holland Park. I know that not a weekend goes by in my community where they do not face events that may have a detrimental impact on their mental health. I commend the report to the House.