



Speech By  
**Hon. Mark Ryan**


**MEMBER FOR MORAYFIELD**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS**

### **Police and Corrective Services, Recruitment**

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (10.11 am): The people of the Queensland Police Service and Queensland Corrective Services are two fine groups of people dedicated to keeping their fellow Queenslanders safe. The Queensland Police Service and Queensland Corrective Services also offer another important benefit to Queenslanders and that is jobs—not just any job: there is no higher calling than being able to work to keep those around you safe. Earlier this month Queensland Corrective Services held three graduation ceremonies: one at Wacol, another at Rockhampton and the third at Townsville. In all, more than 60 new custodial officers joined the ranks of Queensland Corrective Services. Those graduations came after the hard work and achievements of the first 22 community corrections graduates for 2019 were recognised at a ceremony held recently at the Corrective Services academy.

Community corrections officers act as agents for change and play a vital role in keeping communities safe by preventing reoffending. They manage over 20,000 offenders in the community, including supervising parolees, probationers and offenders subject to community service orders. They deal with the most challenging people in our community with the aim of keeping us all safe. It is tough work, demanding work, but they do it for all of us—just as our police do.

Queensland has two police academies, one in Brisbane and one in Townsville. Earlier this year the Townsville Police Academy received a new intake of recruits who will spend six months learning the skills and capabilities of a modern police officer. Just a few weeks ago the latest batch of recruits graduated from the Oxley Police Academy. All in all, 76 new police officers were sworn in to service, a proud and special day for them and their family and friends, a great day for the Queensland community. These new police officers will be deployed right across our great state.

The recruitment drive continues and by 2020-21 the Palaszczuk government will have invested in an extra 535 police personnel. There you have it: police officers and Corrective Services officers—vital jobs, rewarding jobs, jobs for Queenslanders.