




Speech By
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 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (9.56 am): To borrow a famous line, 'From little things big things grow!'—that is exactly the case with the ongoing, day-to-day minor works and maintenance work the government funds for the Queensland Police Service.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Resume your seat, Minister. Members to my left!

Mr RYAN: Every day right across Queensland the work goes on, keeping tradies and other service providers busy. Let us take a milk run around the state to demonstrate, just in the last months, what I am talking about.

Tradies have been busy at the Mount Isa Police Station with refurbishment of the CIB, CPIU, armoury and equipment store. That was a \$14,000 investment completed in September. At Jimboomba Police Station a new carport has been delivered. That was a \$21,000 job also finished in September. On the Sunshine Coast a \$100,000 fitout of the new Mooloolaba Police Beat was finished last month. Also in September, the Moore Police Station residence had a new water tank installed. It is a big tank. It is a \$19,000 investment. The government invested \$28,000 in a new garage for the Browns Plains Police Station. There is a lot more in the pipeline: new water filters for Boulia Police Station; new water tanks for Dajarra Police Station; and a new generator for Mornington Island Police Station, a \$50,000 investment.

These are little things that add up to a big statewide investment. This shows the Palaszczuk government's investment in our police. We are providing our police with the resources and facilities they need to keep communities safe.

I can also advise the House that as of today Townsville police have launched Operation Romeo Seville. The people of Townsville are going to see an escalated police presence out on the streets from today. Monday's events will not be tolerated.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Resume your seat, Minister. Members to my left, you may not agree with the ministerial statement being made, but the minister is entitled to be heard. He is not being combative or provocative. You will listen to the ministerial statement or I will start naming members.

Mr RYAN: Mr Speaker, you make a very good point about those opposite not supporting an escalated police presence in Townsville.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Minister, I would appreciate you not putting words into my mouth. I ask that you continue your statement.

Mr RYAN: Supporting the police operation in Townsville are the State Flying Squad, the State Intelligence Group and the Road Policing Command. Townsville police district resources will also include the Rapid Action and Patrols unit, the Tactical Crime Squad, the Property Crime Squad, the Criminal Investigation Branch, the Child Protection Investigation Unit and general duties officers. The Queensland Police Service will use this operation, Operation Romeo Seville, to detect recidivist offenders and disrupt and prevent their criminal behaviour.

I turn now to the Gold Coast. On the Gold Coast, police have confirmed that two men known to each other who were found dead in separate locations had both suffered gunshot wounds. A team of 20-plus detectives are now working around the clock with the assistance of the State Crime Command, including the Homicide Squad, the Organised Crime Gangs Group, forensic specialists and intelligence officers. Police have advised that they are confident that there is no risk to the broader Gold Coast community, but they will not rest in their pursuit of justice in respect of this matter.