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 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (10.09 am): When the Palaszczuk government makes a commitment, we deliver. That is what is happening right across the state right now. At the last election, we committed to deliver an extra 535 police personnel by 30 June 2022 and it is happening; it is well underway. In recent months, we have announced the positioning of extra police across the state. When parliament sat in Townsville, the Police Commissioner and I announced Townsville would receive its full complement of an extra 53 police officers by the end of next year—18 months early.

Recently, when the commissioner and I were announcing news of a new police facility at Pimpama, the commissioner announced the Gold Coast would have an extra 20 police officers by the end of this financial year. The commissioner also announced that Logan would have an extra 10 police officers in the same time frame. In recent weeks, the Queensland Police Service also announced an extra 10 police officers will be deployed to Cairns by the end of this financial year.

When we promise, we deliver. There are more police in Queensland than ever before, and more are coming. Importantly, when we deliver more police, we make sure those officers are fully kitted out with all of the gear a modern police officer needs. Unlike the previous LNP government, Labor funds the essential high-tech equipment, like body worn cameras, that help police do their job. The Queensland Police Service is a world-class operation and our government backs them 100 per cent.