




Speech By
Hon. Mark Ryan

MEMBER FOR MORAYFIELD

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Police Resources

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (10.01 am): The Queensland Police Service is recognised internationally as a world-class operation. The Palaszczuk government will always back our police with the investments they need to keep up with their tremendous work.

In a big state like Queensland you need a big police service, and certainly the Queensland Police Service is a big operation. Across the state there are 335 police stations, 58 police watch houses, 88 shopfronts and neighbourhood beats, 15 district offices, six headquarters and regional offices, 14 communication centres, three police academies and two police hubs.

This financial year we are investing further in our police. A capital works program of \$85 million will deliver 16 major projects. This is delivering 12 new or redeveloped police facilities. Another four police facilities will undergo upgrades and/or extensions. Let us have a look around the state.

On the Gold Coast a major new police facility is almost finished at Arundel. At Wacol the new Counter Terrorism and Community Safety Training Centre is under construction. The massive new police warehouse facility at Wacol has just been completed. The Logan Village Yarrabilba police facility upgrade has been completed. The new Upper Ross police facility upgrade was recently opened by the member for Thuringowa. The Caboolture replacement police facility has been completed along with the new district headquarters.

I recently visited the new police facility at Mooloolaba which is already providing additional support for police in the centre of town. The new Harbour Town police beat will go out to tender next month with construction expected to be completed this financial year. The new Newtown police facility is underway. Demolition works will soon start for the new Nambour police facility. Planning and design work has begun on numerous other police facilities.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Members to my left will cease their interjections. Again, the minister is not being provocative. I ask that you hear the ministerial statement.

Mr RYAN: During 2020 further works will be undertaken for police facilities at Beaudesert, Biloela, Highfields, Coolumb, Nambour, West End, Pormpuraaw and Aurukun. In fact, the new Highfields police facility has now reached the tender stage, with construction starting soon. The Queensland Police Service is world class, and our government will always back our police with the facilities that they need to serve the people of Queensland.