



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) (10.30 am): Yesterday a member in this House asked a question in relation to a police incident. I can advise the House that the officer involved has returned to work and is reported to be in good spirits and the good news is that the offenders have been arrested.

I also take this opportunity on the last parliamentary sitting day of the year to commend all members of the Police Service, the Corrective Services and the Public Safety Business Agency for the work that they do, day in day out, to keep communities safe. Their job is not 9 to 5 and it can often be dangerous, and for that we owe them a great debt of gratitude.

Our government backs our first responders 100 per cent. This government backs our first responders by giving them the resources and laws they need to do what they do best and that is to keep us all safe. That is why this year we announced the rollout of body worn video cameras to all uniformed first responding police officers across Queensland; we delivered two new helicopters for North Queensland; we made Taskforce Orion a permanent fixture so it can continue to save more children from the clutches of the dark net; we introduced stronger laws to keep ahead of technologies used by child sex offenders; we passed historic laws to dramatically improve the police discipline system for the community and for police; we embarked on a statewide recruitment drive to employ hundreds more Corrective Services personnel; we commenced the detailed work to build stage 2 of the Southern Queensland Correctional Precinct that is expected to deliver around 1,000 extra beds and generate more than 400 jobs during construction and more than 500 operational jobs; we continued to spearhead the drive for regional jobs with the construction of 348 new cells and 396 beds at the Capricornia Correctional Centre; we launched a huge body of work to steer the state's two private prisons towards publicly run state operations; and we delivered a record police budget.

Our achievements reflect our priorities of keeping the community safe while we are creating jobs and building the infrastructure for the future. As we reflect on this year and look to the year ahead I take this opportunity to wish all personnel in police, Corrective Services and the Public Safety Business Agency all the very best for the festive season. Given the impending festive season, and safe in the knowledge of our shared love for dad jokes, may I say that with a wife called Holly and a new commissioner called Carroll every day is like Christmas to me. Merry Christmas, Mr Speaker.