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 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (10.11 am): I join the Premier in taking a moment to reflect on the events that unfolded in Raven Street, Camp Hill, yesterday. It reminds us all that our children are so precious but also that they are fragile and vulnerable. Three innocent children and their loving mother gone—gone for inexplicable reasons. I hope, like so many others do, that we can continue to look for ways to stop this because it has to stop.

We are investing in the infrastructure and jobs that Queensland needs. Every job counts. Every job means dignity and income for other Queenslanders. Just over a week ago I was on the Sunshine Coast turning the sod on a new police station for Coolumb. Work on that project is underway on site right now. The work is being done by a local Sunshine Coast construction company and its workers. Before that, I was at Nambour to announce a new police station there and recently I inspected progress on the new Counter Terrorism and Community Safety Centre at Wacol. This state-of-the-art facility is rapidly taking shape. Last week I was also in Toowoomba to inspect progress on the new Newtown police facility and also inspected the onsite works for the new Highfields police complex. Combined, the Toowoomba projects are a \$4 million investment supporting local jobs for local builders and tradies.

I also recently opened the new \$11 million policing hub at Arundel on the Gold Coast and I have been advised that planning work for the new police facility at Pimpama is well underway. There are projects going on right across Queensland. In Maryborough refurbishment work has delivered the 18-officer Wide Bay Burnett Tactical Crime Squad with a larger and more contemporary working environment. Refurbishment of the building's first floor has also given the Wide Bay district office a new space and a better space. It is these kinds of investments—big and small—that our government is making which helps support jobs in local communities.

Our record police budget is delivering on the ground, and the delivery of the extra 535 police personnel across the state is on track. Recently 20 extra police have been delivered to the Gold Coast. An extra 24 police are now on the ground in Townsville, with more on the way. It is infrastructure and jobs which is what our government is all about, and it is what we are delivering.