




Speech By
Hon. Mark Ryan

MEMBER FOR MORAYFIELD

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Townsville, Crime

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (10.00 am): I am advised that a number of vehicles were allegedly stolen in Townsville overnight, and I join all Queenslanders in condemning those responsible. Any incident of criminal offending is unacceptable and disappointing. The police will use all their resolve and resources to arrest those responsible. What is more, police in Townsville will continue actively targeting areas of Townsville with high-visibility patrols.

There are already operations in place like Operation Swordfish, which involves more than 100 officers on active paroles. Operation Tango Pheasant has led to the arrest of 331 offenders charged with more than 1,000 offences, and 445 offenders have been charged with more than 1,000 offences under Operation Frostbite, which targets recidivist offenders and conducts bail and curfew checks. In addition, our tough new laws will further crack down on hardcore serious offenders with tough bail laws that mean serious recidivist offenders will stay in custody until they can convince a court they are not a risk to community safety. Police in Townsville and right across Queensland will continue to use all of their resources and resolve to enhance community safety and proactively target those who are responsible for committing crime.