



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR MORAYFIELD**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Police Resources; Weather Events**

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (10.05 am): Last week 68 new recruits were sworn into the Queensland Police Service, becoming our newest constables. These officers are already boots on the ground as first year constables undertaking station-based training and ensuring the safety of Queenslanders across our state. They are but one facet of the Palaszczuk government's commitment to enhancing the resourcing and operations of the Queensland Police Service to deliver frontline and specialist services.

The largest ever boost to the Queensland Police Service is about enhancing the capability of police to not only respond to and investigate crime but also disrupt and prevent criminal offending and protect people from crime. We are investing in more than 2,000 extra police personnel—the biggest investment of its kind in more than three decades—and we are providing police with the very latest equipment to ensure they are fully resourced to serve and protect the community.

A crucial aspect of our commitment to a safer Queensland is increasing the number of body worn cameras to 12,200 so that every frontline officer is equipped with this vital piece of technology. This technology will support new ways of gathering evidence, including the proposed trial of enabling statements to be obtained from victims of domestic and family violence electronically rather than typewritten statement. The proposed trial of body worn cameras in this way is just another means by which this government is confronting the scourge of domestic and family violence.

I have met many police officers across Queensland. Every one of them has impressed me with their dedication to protecting their community. Police want the best systems and processes to ensure every member of the community is provided with the best possible protection. I know that police will cooperate fully with any form of inquiry because police want what everyone wants; that is, the best outcomes for community safety and the best outcomes for Queenslanders.

The Palaszczuk government is unwavering in its duty to ensure Queenslanders can live and work safely in our great state. That is why we are making historic investments in police personnel numbers, in police resources, in police facilities and police equipment. Modern policing is front and centre of this government's commitment to a world-class police service dedicated to the safety of Queenslanders. Our investment in police personnel is also delivering good, secure permanent jobs for Queenslanders who want to serve their community.

Regarding the forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology of severe weather with intense rainfall and potential flash flooding in many parts of Queensland, I take this opportunity to remind all Queenslanders to stay informed and up to date with the latest weather advice and to always act cautiously and responsibly during weather events. These actions can be lifesaving actions. If it is flooded, forget it.