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 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (10.35 am): The government's record investment in policing hits a new milestone today. I am advised that this morning early site works have started at the Wacol police precinct on the new youth remand centre. Today marks the start of what is the rapid build construction approach to be delivered next year. It was only a matter of weeks ago that the Premier announced onsite that this project would be proceeding and, as promised, it is progressing swiftly. Using rapid build technology with a modular design will enable faster delivery of this project.

The Queensland Police Service have engaged consultants with extensive experience in the design and construction of large-scale modular correctional facilities. This new facility will boost detention capacity and is being built on a site adjacent to the existing Brisbane Youth Detention Centre. A big advantage associated with the location is that it will provide good access to support services provided at the existing centre.

The Queensland Police Service is working closely with the Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training to ensure the facility is fit for purpose for the people who will be held in custody. The facility will ultimately have the capacity to accommodate at least 50 detainees and will have common exercise areas and access to educational, medical and therapeutic capabilities at the adjacent detention complex. The facility will be operated by the Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training and will house detainees in detention exclusively until the new detention centres open at Woodford and Cairns.

I can also announce today that tenders have been awarded for new police facilities in the electorate of Ipswich West at Rosewood and in the electorate of Pine Rivers at Dayboro. In addition, construction is underway to deliver new police facilities in the electorate of Nicklin at Cooroy and in the electorate of Caloundra at Caloundra South. In exciting news, the tender—

An opposition member interjected.

Mr RYAN: Yes, there you go; it is exciting. I even prefaced it with 'exciting'. In exciting news, the tender has been released today for a new police facility at Clermont in the member for Burdekin's electorate. The government will always back police with the facilities and infrastructure they need to keep the community safe.