




Speech By
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Jack's Law

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Community Safety) (10.17 am): Once again I would like to pay tribute to Jack Beasley's parents, Brett and Belinda, and the Jack Beasley Foundation. They helped to ensure that Queensland leads the nation with Jack's Law, a law giving police the power to wand people to detect weapons. Now that Jack's Law has been expanded to all safe night precincts, transport hubs and public transport across the state, police advise that they have taken more than 500 weapons off the streets. Since April last year, more than 50,000 people have been scanned, 512 weapons have been seized and 1,394 people have been arrested on 2,521 charges related to weapons, drugs, bail violations and other offences.

Police have conducted extensive ongoing wandering operations across major South-East Queensland public transport networks. This operation saw police use their surge capability to deploy high numbers of police officers across transport hubs. The results were significant. We will never know exactly how many lives have been saved thanks to Jack's Law, but there is no doubt that lives have been saved. This is the legacy of Jack Beasley and his parents, Brett and Belinda, and again I thank them.