

Question on Notice
No. 93
Asked on 6 March 2018

MR ANDREWS ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Queensland Government's proposal to introduce legislation that will give Police powers to stop, detain and search Queenslanders within prescribed 'protective security zones', during the 2018 Commonwealth Games—

Will the Minister advise what assurances do Queenslanders have that once these event specific 'public safety' needs have been satisfied, these laws will be fully rescinded and the people's common law rights restored in their entirety?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to ensuring that the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games is the safest and most successful Games ever.

As well as providing police with the resources they need to ensure the safety of athletes, officials, visitors and local residents at the Games, we have introduced new laws to ensure that safety and security is maintained.

These additional police powers are specifically for the Commonwealth Games and will only apply to protective security zones until 22 April 2018. These laws are necessary to ensure that the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games are successful and safe.