

Question on Notice
No. 1150
Asked on 10 December 2024

MS L LINARD ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON D PURDIE)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what additional training will be required for Queensland Police Service officers in response to the government's new youth justice policies, including how amendments to the principle of detention as a last resort will impact bail decisions made by police officers?

ANSWER:

I am advised of the following by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) in relation to the member's question as it pertains to the *Making Queensland Safer Act 2024* (the Act):

- The QPS rapidly (and routinely) develops and deploys training solutions in response to legislative changes. This includes the review and update of relevant existing training products to reflect legislative change. In respect of the Act, the response of the QPS has been no different.
- Following bipartisan support of the Act, the QPS deployed a robust whole-of-Service communication strategy in relation to the Act, its implications, and impact. This communication strategy will continue to be rolled out to re-enforce the relevant changes to all QPS members.
- In relation to bail decisions, police across Queensland are supported by specialist Youth Justice Police Prosecutors who play a pivotal role in the provision of bail-related training, advice, and feedback to police. Moreover, watchhouse supervisors are well equipped to manage the important amendments made to bail by the Act. To this end, the QPS will continue to make lawful, well-informed, and appropriate decisions in respect of bail.
- Frontline police officers have been made aware of the Act and its impacts and have been provided with all necessary support and information required to ensure they can lawfully and effectively enforce the Act.