Question on Notice No. 1168 Asked on 10 December 2024

 ${\bf MS~B~ASIF}$ ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON D PURDIE)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Queensland Police Service possibly being unable to train all officers in the government's new youth justice policies and measures before they commence—

Will the Minister advise how the government can be confident that all police officers will be acting lawfully in respect of any new policies and legislation, including bail decisions?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) rapidly (and routinely) develops and deploys training solutions in response to legislative change. This includes the review and update of relevant existing training and education products to reflect legislative change. In respect of the *Making Queensland Safer Act 2024* (the Act) (which passed with bipartisan support) the response, and actions of the QPS are no different.

I am also advised by the QPS that there is a variety of training programs available to equip officers and recruits with appropriate knowledge and skills to prevent, disrupt, respond to, and investigate youth crime.

I am further advised that a whole-of-Service communication strategy has commenced which provides the necessary awareness to QPS officers regarding the Act and its lawful implementation. This communication strategy will continue to be rolled out to reenforce the relevant changes to QPS officers.

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, education, advice, and feedback to police. Moreover, Watchhouse Supervisors are well equipped to manage the important amendments made to bail by the Act.

To that end, the Government is confident that police officers have been provided with all necessary information and support to enable them to enforce the Act dutifully and lawfully.