

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 70**  
**Asked on 14 February 2024**

**MS S BOLTON** ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY (HON M RYAN)—

**QUESTION:**

With reference to media reports of the standing down of a police officer regarding the pursuit of a stolen vehicle involved in multiple dangerous driving incidents—

Will the Minister advise what he will undertake to ensure that active law enforcement for community safety is not stifled any further?

**ANSWER:**

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) is committed to the achievement of the highest ethical standards by all its members.

In relation to the specific matter referred to by the Member, given the matter is currently under internal investigation it would be inappropriate to comment further at this time.

Speaking generally however, along with other Queenslanders it is my expectation that all complaints made in relation to QPS member conduct are investigated promptly, thoroughly and independently in accordance with legislative and procedural requirements. It would be inappropriate as Minister to attempt to intervene in any disciplinary processes undertaken by the QPS. Decisions on police disciplinary matters are made independent of political consideration, which is as it should be.

It is imperative that as members of the QPS go about their daily duties to keep the people of Queensland safe they do so with utmost integrity to retain the confidence of the people of Queensland.

As a contemporary police service, the QPS realises that maintaining integrity is critical to the performance of the organisation. The QPS applies a zero-tolerance approach to corruption and serious misconduct. Identified cases are and will continue to be subject to the criminal justice system and clearly articulated disciplinary processes as appropriate.

I am advised that the QPS remains committed to improving this capacity by taking a holistic view of risks and maintaining effective strategies for ensuring integrity. In meeting those aspirations, it is necessary that the QPS demonstrates its values and instils them through leadership and transparency through the ongoing process of accountability.