

Question on Notice
No. 1161
Asked on 14 October 2025

Mr L Power asked Premier and Minister for Veterans (Hon. D Crisafulli)—

QUESTION:

Will the Premier advise whether the LNP Government's Election Commitment for 1,600 additional police recruits means—

- (a) 1,600 police officer growth, over and above Labor's fully budgeted Police Officer FTE of 14,036 and projected headcount of approximately 14,050, by June 2027 (and a headcount of approximately 15,650 police officers by October 2028); or
- (b) 1,600 recruits graduating from the police academies since 31 October 2024, not accounting for attrition; or
- (c) a net increase of Police Officer headcount of 1,600, from 31 October 2024 (approximately 13,900 total by October 2028)?

ANSWER:

Our government is delivering on the commitment to back police and give them the resources they need to do their jobs. The LNP Government's election commitment was for an additional 1,600 police recruits successfully completing training over the course of this term of government, with the commitment commencing following the change of Government in October 2024.

This commitment was made in direct response to a request from the Queensland Police Union. The commitment is outlined in both the Minister's Charter Letter and the QPU Journal Spring 2024 edition.

It is important to provide further context to this commitment being made. Over a sustained period, Queensland Police had been understaffed and under resourced. In addition to the commitment to 1,600 recruits, the Government's first budget delivered in June this year, took the first steps to reverse this entrenched trend by showing respect to and truly valuing Queensland's frontline Police.

This Government's first Budget delivered \$147.9 million in funding to equip frontline police officers with crime-fighting equipment.

This investment includes:

- \$47.7 million to deliver 6,546 Taser 10s
- \$41.5 million to replace Body Worn Cameras
- \$29.9 million to replace Integrated Load Bearing Vests including Ballistic Plates
- \$5.6 million for lifesaving Tactical First Aid Kits
- \$6.1 million to replace roadside breath test devices
- \$4.6 million to purchase an additional 1,623 Tyre Deflation Devices
- \$8.9 million for additional Portable Handheld Radios

Importantly, this Government is also backing our frontline Police with strong laws to turn the tide on the youth crime crisis that has gripped Queensland for a decade. This

Government's Making Queensland Safer Laws, including 'Adult Crime, Adult Time', ensures there are consequences for actions for those youth offenders who perpetrate dangerous and violent crimes across our community. While there are positive early signs these laws are working, there is still much work to be done and further tranches of the Making Queensland Safer Laws will be introduced over time to ensure these laws are further strengthened.

I note recent media reports that indicate that the Victorian Labor Government is set to adopt similar laws to Queensland's 'Adult Crime, Adult Time' laws (Source: <https://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/victoria-to-introduce-adult-time-for-violent-crime-reform-in-response-to-rising-crime/rn01525p0>).

I also note recent media reports that indicate that the Leader of the Opposition has not committed to retaining 'Adult Crime, Adult Crime' laws, should Government in Queensland change in the future (Source: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-11-07/queensland-steven-miles-on-adult-crime-adult-time/105980264>).

I can categorically say that this Government will not weaken youth crime laws, but will rather strengthen these laws to reduce the number of victims of crime, and back our frontline Police.