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Message from the Minister

The Government is investing \$1.889 billion in operating funding and \$227.3 million in capital funding for the Queensland Police Service—with more police, new facilities and better technology to fight crime and help keep Queensland safe.

In the past ten years (up to 2009-10) the overall rate of crime in Queensland has reduced by 27%. This significant reduction can be attributed to the hard work and dedication of each and every member of the Queensland Police Service (QPS). It is a testament to the efforts of our officers in responding to and investigating criminal activity, as well as implementing proactive strategies in the community to reduce and prevent crime.

The Bligh Government is backing the police in their ongoing efforts to drive down the rate of crime and protect and serve the community.

The record \$1.889 billion Queensland Police Service operating budget for 2011-12 is a clear demonstration of this support. This is an increase of \$72.4 million (or 4%) from last year, and again demonstrates the Bligh Government's commitment to law and order; we are determined to ensure Queensland remains a safe place to live, work and do business.

This budget will continue the Government's record of increasing the number of front line police officers. It provides 150 additional police positions to complete the Government's commitment to increase the number of police officers by up to 600 in the three years to March 2012. By this date, there will be over 10,600 police officers in Queensland helping to enhance community safety.

To ensure the growing number of Queensland police officers have access to modern facilities, equipment and technology, the Budget for 2011-12 includes \$43.8 million to fund a range of capital works projects across the State. These include the new Burleigh Heads Police Beat and the refurbishment of the existing Burleigh Heads Police Complex. It also provides for the replacement or

upgrade of police stations in Calliope, Lockhart River, Beenleigh and Goodna. The Budget further funds the upgrade of a range of District support facilities including the heritage-listed Mackay Police Facility, Oxley District Forensic Facility, Townsville District Police Facility and Pine Rivers District Office.

The continued development of the new, state of the art Police Academy at Wacol has also attracted \$54.9 million in funding in the 2011-12 Budget. A further \$51.1 million will be spent on a range of information and communication technology initiatives, including the continued development of a new Computer-Aided Dispatch system, upgrading existing resources through Technology Refresh and the Digital Integrated Camera System.

Road safety remains one of the Bligh Government's top priorities. The continued deployment of speed cameras across the State will be supported by an additional \$21.7 million investment to enhance mobile and fixed speed camera operations in 2011-12.

The Budget also commits \$3.1 million for the QPS to continue the trial of the Drink Safe Precinct project; countering alcohol-related violence in Townsville, Surfers Paradise and Fortitude Valley. This is part of a two year, whole of Government initiative, with total program funding of \$8.5 million.

As Police Minister, I am confident that this year's Budget will support the Queensland Police Service in its high-quality delivery of a vital service to the people of Queensland.



Neil Roberts MP
Minister for Police, Corrective Services
and Emergency Services

The Queensland Police Service's operating budget for 2011-12 is a record \$1.889 billion—an increase of 4% on the 2010-11 budget.

The QPS's capital budget for 2011-12 is \$227.3 million—an increase of \$9.6 million. This investment will fund infrastructure activities including capital works, information and communication technology and other essential equipment to support QPS in their commitment to making Queensland a safe and secure place to live, visit and do business.

Major initiatives for 2011-12

- An additional 150 police positions will be provided to complete the Government's commitment to increase the number of police officers by up to 600 in the three years to March 2012. This increased policing strength will help ensure Queenslanders are protected by the highest quality of policing services and a police to population ratio at or above the national average.
- A capital works budget of \$98.7 million will be invested to fund infrastructure projects that ensure the

growing number of Queensland police have access to modern, state of the art facilities. This will include:

- the construction of the new Burleigh Heads Police Beat, the new Oxley District Forensic Facility, the new Townsville District Police Facility, a replacement Lockhart River Police Station, as well as the new Carina Police Station to replace the Camp Hill Police Station;
- refurbishments will also be continuing on Police Stations at Goodna, Calliope and Beenleigh, as well as at the Burleigh Heads Police Complex, Pine Rivers District Office and heritage-listed police facility at Mackay; and
- \$54.9 million for the continued development of the new Queensland Police Academy at Wacol. When complete, this facility will deliver the full range of education and training programs for trainee and operational police.



Sergeant Matthew Pegg and Constable Daniel Moyle conduct operations during the flood crisis in Rockhampton.



Senior Constable Nicole Douglas and Constable Chad Tracey-Patte patrol the streets of Brisbane—helping to ensure the safety of the Queensland community.

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- Funding of \$51.1 million will be provided for a range of information and communication technology initiatives. This includes further development of the QPS Computer Aided Dispatch project, which will provide a system to optimise police response times and prioritise the demand for service calls.
- An investment of \$77.5 million will purchase new and upgraded operational equipment including vehicles, traffic cameras and marine vessels to support QPS in their commitment to making Queensland a safe and secure place to live, visit and do business.
- An additional investment of \$21.7 million to support the continued deployment of speed cameras throughout Queensland aimed at reducing road trauma.
- Funding of \$3.1 million will be provided to continue the two year trial of the Drink Safe Precinct project, countering alcohol-related violence in Townsville, Surfers Paradise and Fortitude Valley.



An additional 150 police positions will complete the Government's commitment to increase the number of police officers by up to 600 in the three years to March 2012.



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