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Labor to deliver more police than ever before

In a historic investment in policing in Queensland, the Palaszczuk Government will provide the Queensland Police Service with an additional \$624 million over five years to bring the total number of new police personnel to 2,025 by 30 June 2025.

Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister, Brittany Lauga, welcomed the announcement that 150 extra police would be deployed to the Police Region that covers her electorate.

“This is a huge investment in community safety.

“While the allocation of these new police resources is rightfully a matter for the Commissioner, it’s good to know that the people who live and work in the electorate of Keppel will benefit from this significant boost to police resources.

“It’s about keeping our community safe and it’s about jobs at a time when jobs and job security are more important than ever,” Ms Lauga said.

Ms Lauga also welcomed the announcement that the Palaszczuk Government has delivered funding of \$3.75 million for 25 new mobile police beat vans.

Every one of the 15 Police Districts across Queensland will receive one of the new mobile police beat vans, with the allocation of the 10 remaining mobile police beat vans to be determined by the Commissioner based on needs and emerging issues.

“These mobile police beat vans can be moved from place to place within our Police District to address community safety issues,” Ms Lauga said.

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“While their precise placement is a matter for the Police Commissioner, I am pleased that the Police District that covers my electorate will receive a new mobile police beat van.”

“These new mobile police beats will take police into the heart of our local community so that people see more police, more often.

“From these mobile police beats, officers will be able to take crime reports, victims’ statements and conduct field interviews.

“This is community policing at its best and these extra police and resources would be at risk under the LNP.

“The LNP sacked more than 300 police personnel, cut training and resources and planned to sell the two police academies where police recruits undergo their training.

“The LNP underfunded police so chronically there was not enough funding for the required number of police vehicles for new police officers.

“In complete contrast, the Palaszczuk Government backs police one hundred percent by delivering more police and more resources to keep communities safe,” Ms Lauga said.

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