

Item 8.1 Parliamentarian and Departmental Letters received by the Mayor
 Appendix 1 Correspondence Inwards - Police Resourcing - City of Melton - Dated 8 July 2016



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Dear Mayor,

POLICE RESOURCING – CITY OF MELTON

Thank you for your correspondence of 19 May 2016 to the former Acting Minister for Police, Robin Scott MP about police resourcing within the City of Melton. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Victoria Police advises that the Melton residents continue to receive a 24-hour police response from across the Melton Police Service Area. It is very important that if anyone requires urgent police assistance that they contact Victoria Police on the emergency number '000'.

We need to see more police out on the front line and the Chief Commissioner is working with the Andrews Government on what resources and powers they need to ensure that we see the crime rate start to turn around.

That's why in the recent budget the Andrews Government funded an additional 406 police officers. The Andrews Government is working closely with Victoria Police to recruit and train these additional officers. The recruitment and deployment of 400 Police Custody Officers also means we can free up more police to work in their communities and keep Victorians safe.

The Chief Commissioner assures me that the allocation of police resources across Victoria is continuously monitored by the respective command officers to ensure the best possible policing service is delivered to the Victorian community.

As you are aware, Protective Services Officers (PSOs) were deployed to the Melton train station from 7 May 2013 and will be deployed to Caroline Springs train station when it becomes operational. PSOs have undertaken a significant amount of work, issuing more than 57,000 infringement notices for a wide range of offences including antisocial behaviour, alcohol, drugs and graffiti offences.

The Government will continue to consult with Victoria Police about overall police resourcing across the state. I am assured by the Chief Commissioner that the allocation of police resources across Victoria is continuously monitored by the respective command officers to ensure the best possible policing service is delivered to the Victorian community.

Further, the government has also provided a significant investment in the 2016-17 State Budget to continue and expand the Community Crime Prevention Program. A \$19.4 million funding injection will continue to support local councils and community groups to deliver critical crime prevention projects and help tackle the root causes of crime.

I am advised that Community Crime Prevention grants totalling \$121,922 have been awarded in the Melton Local Government Area (LGA) since 2011. Thirteen grants have been awarded to a number of community and local government projects around the municipality. Funded projects include improved

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security for the Melton Botanic Garden Depot, training days, youth projects, community lighting and graffiti prevention projects.

I am further advised that police in the Melton LGA are working collaboratively with the Melton City Council on a number of community projects and initiatives, including Saving the Ones We Love Road Safety Strategy across the Melton Shire, the Melton Multi Cultural Support Network, Melton Safe and Supportive Schools Network, and the Safer City Committee.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely



Hon Lisa Neville MP
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