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Dear Cr Turner

**INCREASE IN POLICE RESOURCES IN MELTON**

Thank you for your correspondence of 11 April 2018 in relation to police resources in Melton.

Your support for a robust police presence in Victorian is appreciated. The Andrews Labor Government shares your sentiments about proactive and highly visible policing and remains committed to ensuring Victoria Police is adequately resourced to provide a strong law enforcement capability.

The Government's first Community Safety Statement, released in December 2016, outlined our record \$2 billion investment in police to keep Victorians safe, prevent harm in our communities and hold perpetrators to account.

Central to this record investment is boosting of police numbers right across the state. In total, the Andrews Labor Government is funding 3,135 additional frontline police including 415 specialist family violence officers, to support police to respond to crime in our communities. In 2017, 63 new police were allocated to the police division covering Melton and Brimbank. As you are aware, a further 13 police were allocated earlier this year.

New police are already being deployed and are having an impact, driving down crime by 9.9 per cent as documented by the independent Crime Statistics Agency. In the City of Melton, the crime rate decreased by 14.9 per cent. This is testament to the relentless efforts of your local police. You can find out more about the decreases in crime by visiting [www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au](http://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au).

The Government recently released the Community Safety Statement 2018/19, which recommits the efforts of Government and Victoria Police to deliver the police, protection and prevention our state needs. Building on the foundational work of the 2017 Statement, the 2018/19 Statement continues the support for Victoria Police as well as recognising the broader reform work being done to the justice system, including tougher bail and sentencing laws.



You can access the Community Safety Statement 2018/19 at [www.communitysafety.vic.gov.au](http://www.communitysafety.vic.gov.au). You can also use the interactive map tool at the bottom of the page to learn more about the community safety initiatives happening in your area by using your suburb or postcode. I have also taken the opportunity to provide a copy of the summary document for your information.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me to provide positive feedback on behalf of the Melton City Council. I look forward to working with you to further increase police and community safety resources in the City of Melton and to drive the crime rate down further.

Yours sincerely



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