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Minister for Police

Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP

Treasurer

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Funds committed to accelerate SAPOL recruitment of 313 officers

Funding to accelerate recruitment of South Australia Police officers has been increased to \$51.5 million in the Mid-Year Budget Review being announced today.

SAPOL are undertaking their most concerted recruitment drive in history, with the commitment of having an additional 313 officers on the frontline by 2018.

As announced in September this year, the State Government committed to reprofile funding for the recruitment of 313 additional police officers by 2018. This increased funding provided in the Mid-Year Budget Review now provides the resources to meet the 313 commitment through local recruitment.

The MYBR allocates \$9.9 million this financial year followed by \$16.2 million, \$15.4 million and \$10 million in subsequent years.

Background

The SAPOL recruitment campaign titled *See Yourself in Uniform and Achieve More*, has attracted a significant increase in applications to the organisation, especially from women.

Under SA Police's workplace diversity strategy, applications also are being encouraged from indigenous and Muslim communities.

Market research has revealed that among potential applicants, key appeal factors of a career in policing include the flexibility of shift work, the teamwork approach and highly competitive pay.

More information about the campaign can be found at www.achievemore.com.au

Quotes attributable to Police Minister Pete Malinauskas

"We want more police on the frontline, protecting South Australians.

"Now is a great time to join SAPOL. We are building a police force that is the largest in our State's history.

“We want our police force to be diverse, to be modern, and to be capable of responding to emerging crimes such as domestic violence, cyber-crime and counter terrorism.

“This extra funding will help us achieve the Government’s recruitment target.”

Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis

“The State Government has more than doubled its investment in police and protecting our community since coming into office in 2002, with the police budget currently at its highest level in history.

“We are dedicated to creating a vibrant and liveable state and having a safe, well-policed community is an essential foundation.

“We want our police force to be nation-leading and to achieve this, we need to continually invest in police and strive toward the continual modernisation of the way we police within the community.”

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