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COMMUNITY SAFETY INVESTMENTS FOR THE FUTURE

The Malinauskas Government's first State Budget is delivering key election commitments aimed at keeping the community and those who work to protect South Australians safe.

Continuing to fund SA Police's COVID-19 commitments, allocating \$6.5 million over four years for multi-purpose load bearing vests for sworn police and establishing a public child sex offender register honour the commitments made to South Australians prior to the election.

The 2022-23 State Budget includes:

- Additional funding to support SA Police's COVID-19 response costs (\$13.3 million in 2021-22)
- An investment in multi-purpose load bearing vests to ensure that all sworn police have access to a vest and storage facilities (\$6.5 million over four years)
- Bolstering resourcing for the criminal justice system in addressing matters arising from Operation Ironside (\$8.8 million over four years)
- Measures to crack down on child sex offenders, including ongoing monitoring of serious child sex offenders (\$3.1 million over four years)
- Establishing a public child sex offender register (\$924,000 over four years)
- Providing funding for electronic monitoring of bushfire arsonists (\$975,000 over three years)
- Funds to build two new police posts at Indulkana and Pipalyatjara, as well as additional funding for the Fregon police post (\$4.2 million over four years)

Funding across the justice sector ensure that the Government remains focussed on a safer future for South Australia.

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SAPOL are also able to use their unspent budget for sworn officers to continue employing the additional Protective Security Officers until recruitment for sworn officers can catch up, with COVID causing recent delays.

Quotes attributable to Stephen Mullighan

Strong investments across South Australia's justice sector sectors shows the Malinauskas Government's commitment to keeping our communities safe.

Ensuring those who enforce law and order are well-resourced is imperative for an efficient and responsive justice system.

Quotes attributable to Kyam Maher

The State Budget funds our commitments to ensure South Australia has the toughest stance against child sex offenders in Australia.

Quotes attributable to Joe Szakacs

Allocating immediate funding for additional multi-purpose vests for SA Police not only keeps sworn officers safe but shows an immediate move to honour pre-election promises.

Multi-million-dollar funding for Operation Ironside illustrates a Budget that ensures long term community safety by supporting SAPOL's work to bring offenders to justice.

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