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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 1918-12 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 29 November 2012. The principal petitioner is Ms Christine Smith of Burleigh Heads. The petition calls for the provision of a dedicated number of Queensland Police uniformed officers for the Burleigh Heads area.

I referred this matter to the Queensland Police Service (QPS) which advises that the proposed plan for a Burleigh Police Beat proved to be an inefficient policing model. Savings of \$1.3 million in 2011-12 were achieved by continuing to provide services from the Burleigh Police Station rather than building a new Burleigh Heads Police Beat. At this stage there are no plans to establish a Police Beat at Burleigh.

Officers will be undertaking a reactive and proactive response to ensure a safe environment at Burleigh Heads and the surrounding area. In particular, they will be monitoring the behaviour of persons accessing the parks and locality via foot patrols and mobile patrols of the park and the surrounding areas to deter anti-social behaviour and to prosecute offenders.

Residents of the Burleigh Heads area are encouraged to report any incidents of concern to ensure a timely and appropriate police response can be provided. Please be assured the QPS is committed to investigating all complaints and ensuring appropriate action is taken where sufficient evidence exists.

Further to this, the Government remains committed to honouring its election promise of providing Queensland with additional police with a commitment of \$275 million over the next four years for 1 100 more Queensland police officers. We have also permanently secured a police helicopter for the Gold Coast.

The Government and the QPS share Ms Smith's concerns about crime in our communities and are strongly committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all Queenslanders.

I trust this information is of assistance. Should Ms Smith and petitioners have any further enquiries, Acting Senior Sergeant David Glaister, Officer in Charge, Palm Beach Police Station, is available on telephone 5534 0222.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jack Dempsey'.

Jack Dempsey MP
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