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Dear Cr Majdlik

Thank you for your recent correspondence about police resources and community safety in the City of Melton.

I value the Council's feedback and appreciate the time Council has taken to express its views on these important issues.

The Victorian Government is working closely with Victoria Police to ensure they have the resources they need to keep residents in Melton safe.

The 2016-17 State Budget included a \$596 million Public Safety Package which will allow Victoria Police to recruit 406 new members. Of these new officers, 300 frontline police will go to growth areas, including in Melbourne's western suburbs. The recruitment of these additional police is being fast tracked and they will hit the beat from early 2017. Over 1000 police, PSO, and custody officer recruits will go through the Police Academy this year.

We continue to support the work of Victoria Police to fight crime in local communities, including Melton. The Minister for Police, the Hon Lisa Neville MP, recently launched Eyewatch Melton – an open forum for residents to discuss crime and community safety issues, while helping police track down offenders.

Thank you again for writing to me and for your commitment to working together on these important issues.

Yours sincerely

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