



Honourable Neil Roberts MP
Member for Nudgee



**Minister for Police, Corrective Services
and Emergency Services**

Ref: 11796 P20 TMc LB

08 JUN 2011

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

I refer to petition number 1564-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 12 May 2011 by Ms Barbara Stone MP, Member for Springwood.

The petition raises the issue of the current Enterprise Bargaining Offer made by the Queensland Government to the members of the Queensland Police Service (QPS).

I referred this matter to the QPS which advises that the wage rates for the QPS are specified in the *Queensland Police Service – Certified Agreement 5, 2007* which had a nominal expiry date of 30 June 2010. The Government wages policy at the expiry date provided for a wage increase of 2.5%. The quantum of the increase was determined by a range of Government initiatives aimed at achieving a budget surplus by no later than 2015 – 2016. The current wage offer to police reflects the Government policy in place.

The parties to the *Queensland Police Service – Certified Agreement 5, 2007* had been unable to reach agreement following extensive conciliation proceedings under the guidance of the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission. The parties commenced arbitration proceedings before the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission on 1 December 2010. Arbitration hearings concluded on 17 May 2011 and a decision is pending. At the present time, it is not appropriate for the Government to enter into any further negotiations on the Agreement outside of these processes.

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Ms Patsy Jones, Executive Director, Human Resources Division, QPS, is available on telephone (07) 3364 4111 for any further assistance required.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Neil Roberts', with a stylized, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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