

## POLICE

Police Minister Rob Johnson and the Liberal Government have achieved an enormous amount which includes;

- Fulfilled a pre-election promise to deliver 500 extra police officers over five years with a further 200 support staff – committing more than \$200m in the Budget.
- Reinstated and strengthened the Rural Crime Unit closed by Labor
- Reinstated the Graffiti Taskforce shut down by Labor
- Committed \$6million to a Community Crime Prevention Program that includes CCTV installation at key locations around the State. A total of \$767,000 of CCTV funding has been provided to 7 local Governments.
- Provided funding for and re-opened three country police stations closed under Labor. Stations are now fully operational.
- Fully funded and commenced work on the \$113 million Perth Police Complex. The Complex remains on budget and on time.
- Committed a total of \$47.5million to expand the Police Metropolitan Radio Network. This network will now cover 80% of WA's population.
- Introduced into Parliament Australia's toughest anti-hoon laws – **Road Traffic Amendment (Hoons) Bill 2009**
- Amended Labor's flawed anti-hoon laws to prevent unfair impounding and other safeguards – **Road Traffic Amendment 2010**
- Secured \$24million in funding and a commitment for a second police helicopter to be delivered prior to CHOGM.
- Developing and introduced into Parliament, tough new laws for police stop and search powers designed to combat escalating incidence of weapons carriage – **Criminal Investigation Amendment Bill 2009.**

- Developed and implemented tough new laws regarding the carriage of illegal weapons.
- Developed and introduced legislation for tougher penalties for drug offences including for possession, cultivation, the sale of drug paraphernalia, and introduced mandatory one on one counselling for offenders. ***Cannabis Law Reform Act 2010*** and the repeal of the ***Cannabis Control Act***.
- Banned the sale of ice pipes ***Misuse of Drugs Amendment Bill (No 2) 2010***
- Streamlined processes for police in connection with the seizure of drug connected property – ***Misuse of Drugs Amendment Bill 2010***
- Developing legislation to toughen penalties and limit sentencing options for exposing children to harm through the cultivation and manufacture of drugs – ***Tackling Illicit Drugs in the Community – Amendments to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1981***
- Developing<sup>a</sup> strategy to prevent access to hydroponic chemicals for use in drug cultivation
- Developed tougher drink-driving laws including automatic licence suspension and a repeat drink driving strategy. Introduced legislation to automatically suspend the licenses of drink drivers- ***Road Traffic Amendment (Disqualification by Notice) Bill 2010***
- Introduced legislation to allow for additional qualified persons to conduct forensic procedures on sex crime victims – ***Criminal Investigation Amendment Bill 2010***
- Developed and let new police towing and storage contracts to ensure a better service while reducing the cost to police. This will save taxpayers millions.
- Introduced to parliament, with Attorney General, mandatory sentencing legislation. ***Criminal Code Amendment Bill 2008*** – a

review 12 months from implementation indicated a reduction in offences of 30%

- Managed the implementation of amendments to improve the integrity of the Security Industry – ***Security and Related Activities (Control) Amendment Regulations Act 2008***
- Introduced and passed legislation to provide payment of medical expenses for employment related injuries for former police officers - ***Police (Medical and Other Expenses for Former Officers) Bill 2008***.
- Drafting in conjunction with the Attorney General a tranche of legislation dealing with organised crime.
- Overseen efficiency dividends which have streamlined police operations, freeing up officers for front-line duty and reducing excess costs. This initiative is continuing.
- Introduced legislation to enable police to deal with minor matters efficiently and save Court time by issuing on the spot infringements – ***Criminal Code Amendment (Infringement Notices) Bill 2010***
- Introduced legislation to prohibit the interception of, and other access to, telecommunications except where authorised in special circumstances – ***Telecommunications (Interception) Western Australia Amendment Bill 2010***
- Implemented a review of the criteria associated with assessing school crossings – ***Best Practices for Children's Crossings in Western Australia***
- Managed the implementation of a centralised firearms licensing system to provide improved probity and integrity in the granting of new and additional licenses
- Developing legislation to ~~urgent~~ to enable identified flaws in the ***CIA (Identifying People) Act*** to ensure that the investigation of serious crime is not compromised.

- About to introduce legislation to provide protection to police officers undertaking covert investigations
- Oversaw carriage of legislation to provide additional security and safety during CHOGM –Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (Special Powers) Bill 2010
- Implemented Regulations to reclassify crossbows as a prohibited weapon
- About to introduce amendments to the Misuse of Drugs Act to toughen penalties for those who sell and supply drugs to children and endanger or harm children through exposure to drug manufacture or cultivation
- Successfully trialled a Juvenile Clean-up Project for graffiti offenders through Office of Crime Prevention