



WA STATE BUDGET 2020-21 STRONGER, SAFER COMMUNITIES

The McGowan Labor Government is investing significantly in community safety initiatives across WA as part of its 2020-21 State Budget, to keep WA safe and strong.

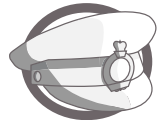
This Budget, along with the COVID-19 WA Recovery Plan, builds on and continues the crucial initiatives implemented by the McGowan Government over the past three years to improve community safety, improve our justice system, tackle the scourge of meth and provide vital support for our local communities.

2020-21 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- \$314 million to recruit an additional 800 police officers over the next four years, including flow-on resourcing to the criminal justice system
- \$6.6 million towards a line scanner and aircraft to enhance aerial intelligence and capability
- \$5.6 million for more District Court resourcing following increased lodgements/cases
- \$9 million to help support and protect survivors of family and domestic violence
- \$6.8 million to continue the Aboriginal Community Connectors Program
- \$2.4 million to establish a dedicated mental health unit at the Bandyup Women's Prison

INVESTING IN POLICE AND JUSTICE

Western Australians will benefit from an additional 800 police officers that will be recruited on top of the 300 additional police officers already being delivered.



The \$314 million investment is the largest increase on record and will result in WA having the highest number of police officers per person of all states, as we continue to manage COVID-19 safely.

It will further support the McGowan Government's efforts to ensure better police services are being delivered to the community, as part of the WA Recovery Plan implementation, which includes \$96.5 million to upgrade and refurbish police stations and other infrastructure across the State.

It comes on top of the McGowan Government's commitment to community safety already underway, to give WA Police Force resources including body worn cameras, personal mobile devices and multi-threat body armour for frontline officers.

The 2020-21 State Budget also includes:

- \$2.4 million to establish a dedicated mental health unit at Bandyup Women's Prison.
- \$5.5 million in funding for one additional District Court Judge and two support staff in response to the increase in lodgements and cases on hand.
- Already, \$109.9 million has been invested in courts and tribunal services

SUPPORTING INITIATIVES TO PREVENT FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



A \$9 million investment is being made to implement the McGowan Government's comprehensive Family Violence Reform Legislation to protect survivors of family and domestic violence and support them through the justice system.

This program of work is on top of the \$28.1 million package of initiatives included in the WA Recovery Plan, which committed to employ 23 additional outreach workers, boost family violence response teams, that support victims, following police call-outs, an expansion to the Peel and Kwinana refuges, and counselling, advocacy and support services.

OTHER INITIATIVES

- \$6.6 million investment in a multispectral line scanner and high-performance aircraft that will significantly enhance the State's aerial intelligence capabilities and management of fires or other hazard
- \$6.8 million to continue the Aboriginal Community Connectors program. The program provides safe transport options, connects vulnerable people with culturally responsive crisis support and provides local employment opportunities through services contracts across the State and in the regions.

DELIVERING KEY INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS

Other key community safety projects and election commitments that are underway or in progress include:

- \$322.2 million to implement the Meth Action Plan with more crisis support, mental health and drug and alcohol services, prevention and harm reduction initiatives, the roll out of the Meth Border Force to disrupt the movement of meth, delivery of the alcohol and drug treatment prison and the toughest penalties in Australia for meth traffickers;
- \$20.5 million for the introduction of the Target 120 early intervention program in Albany, Armadale, Bunbury, Kalgoorlie, Kununurra and Mirrabooka and expansion to further sites to reduce youth crime and prevent reoffending;
- \$11.7 million to establish new Family and Domestic Violence One Stop Hubs in Mirrabooka and Kalgoorlie to make it easier for family and domestic violence victims to access services;
- \$52.3 million in the expansion of electronic monitoring of offenders in the community;
- \$310 million funding to expand of WA's prison capacity with the addition of 1,228 new beds to the WA custodial estate, increasing prison capacity at Bunbury Regional Prison and Casuarina Prison;
- \$266 million commitment to Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing package which includes housing, municipal and essential services and programs to support health and mental health issues in the Kimberley;
- \$6.2 million Kimberley juvenile justice strategy including night patrols, place-based activities, youth-engagement program and integrated learning program;
- \$37 million to continue the operation of the South West Emergency Rescue Helicopter;
- \$22 million investment to boost the Enhanced Prescribed Burning program in the South-West;
- New \$13.4m multi-purpose emergency services facility being built in Collie that includes a Level Three Incident Control Centre, Emergency Driver Training School and regional fleet maintenance;
- \$18 million Bushfire Centre of Excellence in Nambelup to bring together the best research and training techniques in bushfire management;
- \$11.3 million injection to support and expand PCYCs in Carnarvon, Kununurra, Midland and Rockingham;
- \$85.8 million state-of-the-art Armadale Courthouse and Police Complex to accommodate police and justice staff in one premise;
- Additional police resources to keep the WA community safe, including the roll out of body worn cameras to improve transparency and accountability in police interactions with the community and officer safety, personal mobile devices to give officers faster access to the information and increase the time they can spend on the beat, and the provision of personal multi-threat body armour to frontline police officers.

WA RECOVERY PLAN

The 2020-21 State Budget also includes funding for initiatives which are part of the WA Recovery Plan, including:

- \$28.1 million worth of funding into Family Domestic Violence initiatives, including \$8.6 million for additional staff in FDV refuges across the state as part of FDV Mobile Outreach, and an additional \$3.1 million to bolster family and domestic violence supports given an expected increase in violence against women as a result of COVID-19;
- \$52.58 million to construct a new Fremantle Police Complex;
- \$20 million in crisis and emergency relief grants for not-for-profit community groups to deliver crisis and emergency support to the most vulnerable;
- \$17.8 million to establish an automated number plate recognition (ANPR) technology hub, to increase WA Police tracking and tracing capabilities;
- \$73.4 million for the recruitment of 150 police FTE to assist with the COVID-19 response.