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Delivering competitive attraction and retention benefits to grow our police force.

For much of the past few years, the South Australian Police Force has had a shortfall of around 200 police officers.

Labor's promises of reaching 5,000 police by 2030 are worthless if not accompanied with a plan to achieve it – we are hundreds of police away from that target.

Less cops on the beat mean higher crime, and under this Labor Government we have seen crime skyrocket.

We have a plan to grow our police force. The Liberal's Police Attraction and Retention Plan will:

- Offer a \$20,000 recruitment bonus for experienced police officers from interstate and international jurisdictions to move to South Australia.
- Offer a \$20,000 incentive to attract police who have left the Service in the last 4 years under Labor's weak laws.
- Pay up to \$20,000 off university HELP debts of new recruits.

- Introduce a new Police Retention Bonus to keep experienced police in the force longer. A new Police Retention Bonus will see officers who reach 10 years' service paid \$10,000, 15 years' service paid \$15,000 and 20 years' service (and each 5 year increment thereafter) paid \$20,000.
- Introduce a new \$560,000 mental health support framework for South Australia Police and tough new laws to protect our police from assaults.

These incentives will also make us more competitive in other markets, by bringing us in line with other states who currently offer some form of recruitment and attraction bonuses.

We need more cops on the beat to deter crime. South Australians deserve to feel safe.

This is part of our plan for safer suburbs and stronger communities.