



NEW SOUTH WALES

Minister for Police
Leader of the House

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Dear Ms Morgan,

I refer to your letter to the Hon Carl Scully, MP, Minister for Police, regarding law and order in New South Wales. The Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf.

You may be assured that the Government recognises the historical contribution and commitment of your association's religious institutes to the education and care of disadvantaged people throughout New South Wales.

I also note the Conference's commitment to the welfare and rehabilitation of persons serving custodial sentences.

I understand that the Minister's comments, as quoted in your letter, were made in reference to persons who are convicted of the homicide of NSW Police officers, a crime which attacks the very foundation of the administration of law and order in our community.

The Minister's choice of language reflects something of the community's outrage towards crimes of this nature and its desire to see substantial prison sentences awarded to those found guilty of such crimes.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

TONY STEWART MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Police

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