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INCOME PROTECTION EXTENDED FOR POLICE OVER 60

Police officers aged over 60 will now have access to income protection, after the NSW Government moved to protect some of the State's most experienced officers.

An additional \$18.5 million will extend income protection to all police officers up to age 65. Under the existing scheme, officers aged 60 and over were covered for death and disability, but not income protection.

Minister for Police and Emergency Services said it was imperative every police officer on the frontline had the appropriate income protection to do their job effectively and safely, especially as they are now on the frontline of a war against a pandemic.

"This additional \$18.5 million will provide further protection for our experienced officers on the frontline right now, those aged 60 and over, who, through no fault of their own, did not have what I deemed appropriate cover," Mr Elliott said.

"I thank the Police Association for raising the matter with me and we will continue working collaboratively to ensure our world-class police officers have the world-class protections they deserve."

"With a record \$4 billion budget for the NSW Police Force, the NSW Government has made a commitment to always put our first responders first."

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said the Government had a responsibility to protect those who put their lives on the line to protect us.

"After many years of service protecting the community our most experienced and senior officers deserve to have this peace of mind. Our police and emergency services workers are on the frontline of the fight to slow the spread of coronavirus and they deserve the best protection we have to offer," Mr Perrottet said.

NSW Police Commissioner, Mick Fuller said this assurance for officers over 60 years of age couldn't come at a better time.

"During this significant time where we now ask our officers to take on special enforcement activities to help manage this health crisis, it is vital that all police officers have the same protections," he said.

"Now officers up to the age of 65 can go to work, do their jobs and know that they have the appropriate income protection for any unpredictable or unforeseen events."

Police Association President Tony King thanked the Minister and Commissioner for moving swiftly put this into place.

“On behalf of our members we thank the Minister for Police, Police Commissioner and Treasurer for extending income protection to older police officers, and for doing so under urgency at a time when protecting all police officers is more important than ever,” Mr King said.

“This is a huge relief to older members of the NSW Police Force. It also gives peace of mind to officers over 50 who are moving towards the later stages of their career that their service will always be valued and recognised.”

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