Media Release

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LESS PAPERWORK MEANS MORE COPS ON THE BEAT

The Allan Labor Government is freeing up frontline police from paperwork with a new infringement system – so they can get back on the beat and keep Victorians safe.

Minister for Police Anthony Carbines joined Victoria Police today to announce that as part of a \$7.2 million upgrade, Electronic Penalty Infringements Notices (ePINs) technology will roll out statewide – allowing police to create and issue electronic penalty notices – ensuring they spend less time doing paperwork.

If the driver consents to receiving a receiving an ePin they will then immediately receive it via an email or text – helping hold offenders to account sooner. This will replace existing paper-based infringements which can take weeks to process before arriving in the mail.

The ePINs application will operate through a secure central system and will include information on a driver's offence history, penalty amounts, demerit points and due date calculations – giving police greater visibility on an offender.

Upon receiving an ePIN people will have 28 days to either pay their fine, seek a payment plan or lodge an objection as per the current process.

Police began issuing ePINs from February across Melbourne's south-eastern suburbs as a trial before rolling the system out broadly. During the first six weeks, police issued more than 5,000 electronic infringements.

Victoria Police currently issues about 500,000 infringements each year, with the new ePINs technology to be progressively rolled out over this year until all police are using it.

Streamlining administrative processes like this means officers aren't stuck behind a desk doing more paperwork – allowing them to get back on the beat to keep the community safe.

The ePINs technology upgrade is part of the Labor Government's record \$4.5 billion investment in Victoria Police to fund more than 3,600 additional police officers, have better equipment and deliver new and upgraded police stations across the state.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Police Anthony Carbines

"We're cutting down on paperwork so our police can do what they do best — getting back out on the streets and keeping Victorians safe."

"We'll always back Victoria Police with what they need to do their vital work — especially when it comes to holding dangerous drivers to account and keeping our roads safe."

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