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CLP moves on protection of police officers

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The CLP will move to protect individual members of the Police Force, who are acting in good faith, from civil litigation the Shadow Minister for Police Fire and Emergency Services John Elferink announced today.

Mr Elferink will advise Parliament next week that he will seek to make changes to the Police Administration Act.

On General Business Day he will introduce a bill he has had drafted to amend the Police Administration Act so that police officers who act in good faith will not become the subject of personal litigation.

"Police officers have a difficult job and often they have to make decisions with a moment's notice.

"The CLP wants to protect police officers from fear of being hounded through the civil courts.

"By introducing this legislation we are not abrogating any responsibility of the police force in terms of normal negligence laws but what we are doing is trying to let Territory Police know that we will trust their decisions when they are acting in good faith."

Ends.