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FAMILY FIRST CALLS FOR POLICE-IN-SCHOOLS PROGRAM ROLL-OUT *Skyrocketing violence merits police presence*

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FAMILY FIRST MLC Robert Brokenshere has today called upon the Government to implement the police-in-schools program that he initiated and trialled as Police Minister in 2001.

“Due to skyrocketing reports of physical and sexual assaults in schools, and given the call [today](#) by the Senior Secondary Principals for police to be involved in schools, it is high time to bring back the Police in Schools program that I trialled in the northern suburbs and at Port Pirie in 2001”, Mr Brokenshere said.

“I understand that the Review into that program found that it was favourably received by police, schools and parents, but the Government did not release that review. The Government needs to be open and transparent and now release that review into the pilot project”

“The time is right to return this program as a permanent feature in schools”

The 2001 pilot program involved a police officer being assigned to a school and visiting that school regularly to liaise with students and staff.