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## Ontario government cuts \$46M from provincial police budget



NDP wonders why budget was cut just as province rolls out pilot projects on highway speed limits

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The Ontario government is planning to cut about \$46 million this year from the provincial police budget. Its expenditure estimates show the drop will largely come out of 'field and traffic services.' (Kimberly Ivany/CBC)

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The Progressive Conservative government's expenditure estimates for this year show the funding drop, which largely comes out of "field and traffic services."

Solicitor General Sylvia Jones says she has faith that the leadership of the Ontario Provincial Police will be able manage challenges within the new budget.

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A spokeswoman for Jones says the funding reduction relates to "streamlining" corporate offices and improving vehicle maintenance so the fleet lasts longer.

Marion Ringuette says no police officers will lose their jobs.

The NDP questions why the OPP budget is being cut just as the government announces a pilot project to raise speed limits to 110 km/h on sections of three 400-series highways.

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