



Speech by

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MEMBER FOR ARCHERFIELD

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MEMBER FOR CALOUNDRA

Ms STRUTHERS (Archerfield—ALP) (10.26 a.m.): On behalf of the female Labor MPs, I reject the comments made by the member for Caloundra on ABC radio this morning. The member claimed that she had privately received support from a few female Labor MPs for the coalition's truth in sentencing legislation. I have contacted each of the female Labor MPs this morning and, as I expected, none of them has expressed support, privately or otherwise. The member for Caloundra has totally misrepresented Labor's position on this Bill.

Mrs SHELDON: I rise to a point of order. They may not have expressed any support to this particular member, but it was expressed to me.

Ms STRUTHERS: The Beattie Government is tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime. We believe that those who break the law, including serious violent offenders, should feel the full force of the law—no ifs, no buts. This Government has a number of strategies to fight crime, including a series of crime prevention community forums currently occurring across the State to canvass Queenslanders' views on the best way to tackle crime in their local communities. This task force is all about listening to the views of the people and delivering a crime strategy that reflects the partnership between the Government and the people. It will report to Cabinet later this year. I suggest that the member for Caloundra stops talking privately to herself.
