



Speech by

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### **CRIME STOPPERS**

**Mr ROBERTS** (Nudgee—ALP) (10.28 a.m.): Since my election to this Parliament in 1995, I have taken a keen interest in crime prevention activities within my electorate. One of the main obstacles I have encountered in the fight against crime is the reluctance of some sections of the community to report criminal activity—a reluctance based either on a fear of getting involved or a fear of retribution should their identity be revealed. This has a significant impact on the effectiveness of police activities and, as a result, crimes go unsolved and criminals keep getting away scot-free with committing crimes.

One organisation which is making a significant contribution to the solving of crimes and to crime prevention is Crime Stoppers. Crime Stoppers provides members of the public with a safe and confidential means of providing details to police on crimes which they have witnessed or on which they have acquired some information. Callers remain totally anonymous, phone calls are not recorded or traced and rewards can be paid without the name or identity of a caller ever being revealed or known to the police. The results of Crime Stoppers' activities in Queensland since its establishment in 1989 have been spectacular.

As at 30 June this year, Crime Stoppers had received over 147,000 calls. This has resulted in almost \$3.5m worth of property being recovered, \$190,000 worth of proceeds from crime confiscated, over \$438m in drugs seized and 3,685 people arrested on a total of 10,425 charges.

I have recently been accepted as a member of the metropolitan north area committee of Crime Stoppers and I look forward to an active involvement in that committee. I encourage members of the community to use this worthwhile service if they have information on crimes by calling 1800 333 000.

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