



Speech by

Peter Wellington

MEMBER FOR NICKLIN

Hansard Tuesday, 23 May 2006

POLICE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL

Mr WELLINGTON (Nicklin—Ind) (3.59 pm): I rise to participate in the debate on the Police Powers and Responsibilities and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2006. I say at the outset that I certainly do not intend to repeat many of the comments that have been made by speaker after speaker. Suffice to say that, on behalf of my constituents and the many people on the Sunshine Coast who have been involved in domestic violence, I am looking forward to the day when these amendments go through and the police are able to speed up the process by serving people with a notice to appear rather than the current process of summons or arrest. I urge the minister to push these new amendments through as quickly as possible so they become new law in Queensland. I know that many people involved in domestic violence situations certainly look forward to that. I know that some women have had major problems getting parties to attend court due to the requirements that the police have had to comply with.

Before resuming my seat I refer to a matter that is not directly related to this bill. I thank the minister for the allocation of significant dollars to upgrade the Nambour Police Station. The upgrade is moving ahead very well. The air conditioning units have just been installed and the bitumen is going down. We look forward to the minister coming to the Sunshine Coast to officially open the extension. I commend the bill to the House.