



Speech by

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CRIMINAL PROCEEDS CONFISCATION AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL

Mrs MILLER (Bundamba—ALP) (6.24 pm): I support the Criminal Proceeds Confiscation and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2008. This bill amends the Criminal Proceeds Confiscation Act 2002, the Fair Trading Act 1989, the Security Providers Act 1993 and the Trusts Act 1973. The review of the Criminal Proceeds Confiscation Act 2002 concluded that the act was operating effectively, which is always good news. In 2007-08, under the civil scheme \$4.67 million was forfeited to the state. Under the conviction based scheme \$5.43 million has been collected by the state since 2003. Some \$1.27 million was recovered in 2007-08.

The amendments in this particular bill include new orders for examination, that state agencies can disseminate information to other agencies in specific circumstances—that is, information which has been obtained during compulsory examinations—that courts may order that a person can do anything necessary to bring property within the Queensland jurisdiction, which is a good amendment, and an offender can be caught having his or her own house subject to forfeiture even though illicit drugs may have been cooked up in rented premises, which I also think is very good. I am pleased that there is to be a confidentiality requirement on banks and other financial institutions who may have voluntarily reported information under the act.

I am very pleased that the Fair Trading Act is being amended. It is about protecting families from inappropriate door-to-door trading. In my electorate family time is certainly very precious. We often have mum and dad out to work. I can tell members that they get very annoyed with people knocking on their front door of an evening when they are trying to give the kids dinner and assist with homework. They do not want door-to-door salespeople rocking up at their front door trying to sell them something that they actually do not want. The elderly in my community get very concerned and very scared and frightened when strangers turn up at their front door. Some of these people keep on knocking and knocking. Some of them can also be very rude and disrespectful to our older people.

The good people in the Bundamba electorate are not backward in coming forward. Some of my constituents tell these door-to-door salespeople exactly what they think of them, sometimes in very colourful language, which upsets those people trying to make a sale. I commend the minister for the amendments to the Fair Trading Act because it is forward thinking. People are very concerned about people rocking up to their front door. They do not want it to happen at all.

With those few comments in relation to this particular amendment bill, I would like to say that I am pleased that the opposition is supporting it. I hope the Independents will support the legislation before the House. It is simple legislation which is very good for consumers in general. I commend the bill to the House.