




Speech by

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 **Mr WOODFORTH** (Nudgee—LNP) (6.15 pm): I am pleased to rise to speak on the estimates process of the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee. First, I thank my fellow MPs who were part of this committee, especially the chair, the member for Condamine, Mr Ray Hopper. I also thank the committee staff—Sharon, Kelli, Ali and Gail and led by Mr Brook Hastie—for their dedicated work.

In general, the people of Nudgee have welcomed the whole budget, from electricity tariff and car registration freezes to the halving of the public transport price rise and, for the many businesses in the Nudgee electorate, items such as the increase in the payroll tax threshold.

The people of Nudgee also welcome the likes of extra policing as part of the budget. Just this week two new police officers began their careers at Boondall Police Station. I know that Superintendent Kelly will welcome the new officers to keep the streets of Nudgee safe. I will continue to fight for more police in and around the Nudgee and Banyo areas. I wish the recently retired commissioner, Mr Bob Atkinson, all the best and welcome our new commissioner, Mr Stewart, and look forward to working with him and my three police stations at Boondall, Hendra and Banyo as community safety is of the utmost importance to the people of Nudgee. I also thank the police minister for his very in-depth answers throughout the hearing.

I thank the Attorney-General and congratulate him on the policy changes already put through, such as the abolition of administrative funding for political parties. Electorates such as Nudgee and its people welcome these types of changes that benefit the Queensland taxpayer. I applaud the youth boot camps we are initiating and look forward to these putting our youth back on the straight and narrow and keeping them out of jail.

I applaud the government in general for getting this great state back on track. The people of Nudgee are grateful for this. This was of course my first estimates process. I enjoyed the process—all 13 long hours of it—and look forward to working in more detail on future estimates. I commend the report to the House.