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 **Hon. JP BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (2.27 pm): This government is committed to continuing the fiscal repair task aimed at bringing government debt under control. We are about supercharging this economy. Actions speak louder than words. I draw honourable members' attention to a graph relating to Supreme Court clearance rates in Queensland. The red bar is the first year of the Bligh Labor government, when the Supreme Court had a clearance rate of 99.6 per cent in criminal trials. In the first year of the Campbell Newman government, we have seen a clearance rate of 125 per cent. During the first year of the Bligh Labor government there was a clearance rate of 87.5 per cent in civil matters. The clearance rate in the—

Madam SPEAKER: Minister, are you tabling that document?

Mr BLEIJIE: Indeed. The civil clearance rate is 107 per cent in the first year of the Campbell Newman government, and I table that graph for the information of honourable members.

Tabled paper: Bar graph titled 'Supreme Court Clearance Rates (%) covering the periods 2008-2009 and 2012-2013' [[2823](#)].

That is in direct contrast to those opposite in their first year of government. We are also doing many things in the department of justice. We are providing \$3.1 million for boot camp trials right across Queensland. We are giving \$530,000 of a \$2 million funding commitment over four years to victims of support groups. We are starting the new Building and Construction Compliance Branch which will stop militant union behaviour on construction sites in Queensland from 1 July. Some \$16 million will be provided for the expansion of the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre. We have given \$3 million to the Health payroll inquiry to once and for all find out what went wrong and who was incompetent. Of course, \$21 million will also be provided to maintain and upgrade other assets. This is about ensuring that we are supercharging the economy. I congratulate the Treasurer on yesterday's budget—the second best budget in this generation.