




Speech By
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MOTION

Referral to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

 **Mr STEVENS** (Mermaid Beach—LNP) (Leader of the House) (9.58 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

That the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee (the Committee) conduct an inquiry on strategies to prevent and reduce criminal activity, by examining:

- the trends and type of criminal activity in Queensland, having regard to available crime statistics and issues in relation to unreported crime;
- the social and economic contributors to crime;
- the impacts of this criminal activity on the community and individuals, including the social and economic impacts;
- the effectiveness (including the cost effectiveness) of crime prevention strategies, including imprisonment, justice reinvestment, early intervention, alternative dispute resolution, and other models used in national and international jurisdictions; and
- the experiences of Queenslanders with regard to the criminal justice system, including the experiences of victims of sexual violence and/or domestic violence including their interactions with the Queensland Police Service, the courts, prosecuting authorities, legal and support services and compensation processes;
- possible strategies to increase collaboration and co-operation between various participants in the criminal justice system.

Further, the Committee is to recommend measures to curb criminal activity, reduce rates of recidivism, and build a safer community.

In undertaking the inquiry the Committee is to:

- hold public and private hearings across Queensland;
- ensure such hearings include an examination of available crime statistics for the relevant area or region; and
- take public and private submissions.

Further, that the Committee report by 31 October 2014