



Speech By
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 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills) (10.24 am): Queensland certainly deserves better than the LNP. Yesterday we saw the LNP setting up their own shadow ministers in question time. It started with the member for Everton being given some pretty ordinary figures out of the budget and using them in a question to the Minister for Education. The member for Indooroopilly was also set up with his question which was wrong again. Now, unfortunately, we see the poor member for Mansfield, the shadow Attorney-General, being sent out to the media with incorrect figures regarding their favourite issue. The modus operandi of the LNP, both state and federal, is fear—fear on law and order and crime, and they should be ashamed of this tactic.

The Palaszczuk government takes the issue of organised crime very seriously, and we recognise that organised crime is much broader than just outlaw motorcycle gangs. The shadow Attorney-General has made very serious claims about cuts to funding under the CCC in relation to outlaw motorcycle gangs. They stated that in 2013-14 funding of \$6.7 million over four years was approved for the CCC to support increased CCC activities for organised crime, including criminal motorcycle gangs, and that the \$1.174 million that was set aside for the 2015-16 budget has been cut. That is wrong: just read the budget papers. I want to bring to your attention what the budget papers actually say. Paragraph 8 on page 61 of the SDS states—

The decrease in employee expenditure is primarily due to the expiration of temporary grant funding on 31 December 2014 for OMCG initiatives.

The remainder of the initiatives continue to be funded, and there has been an increase of \$1.569 million in funding to the CCC. That funding is still there. The staff that are gone—

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