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Taskforce on Organised Crime Legislation

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.59 am): At the last election, my government promised to keep our community safe. My government is honouring its pledge with our commitment to target serious organised crime in Queensland. As promised, we will target serious organised crime in all its forms, including child sex exploitation, boiler room fraud and outlaw motorcycle gangs. Our interim response to the Taskforce on Organised Crime Legislation is to develop a stronger and workable regime. We have also committed \$37 million in extra resources for police and prosecutors.

Cabinet committed to a new regime that will include: targeted consorting laws that will be based on the New South Wales model; new serious organised crime control orders that will be based on terrorism orders, and we will be the first to implement those for organised crime; and additional jail sentences with mandatory provision for serious organised crime and how this will be applied will be developed through implementation. We will ensure that the clubhouses remain closed. We will keep the ban on the wearing of colours in licensed premises and investigate how we can extend the ban to other places.

The government is determined that Queensland has the strongest and most robust serious organised crime laws in the nation. Current laws will remain in force until the new regime comes into effect. These transitional arrangements will be undertaken with police. The Police Commissioner has said that he was 'very confident that those new laws will be as strong, if not stronger, than the legislation we now have'. The government is continuing to work through the 60 recommendations contained within the report of the task force and will engage with key stakeholders in developing the new laws. The government aims to introduce legislation into the parliament by August this year, with the aim that new laws could be passed as early as the end of this year.