




Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE

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 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills) (2.20 pm): I would like to briefly add a few words to the Premier's remarks about today's High Court decision in the Baden-Clay matter. I would like to thank those involved in this case, especially in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, who have worked so hard on the case. Indeed, the Queensland Police Service needs to be recognised for their hard work, as do the DPP staff who have worked on this matter for years. I have personally thanked the DPP and have asked for my congratulations to be passed on to the staff involved. They should be recognised for the methodical and responsible way that they have handled this very sensitive matter. Of course, at this time our thoughts are with Allison's family, particularly her children, and friends.

On another important matter, on 19 August this year I announced an independent review of Queensland's youth detention centres. The review will be conducted by two suitably qualified persons who can conduct a thorough examination of the serious allegations of mistreatment and of the policies and practices used within our youth detention centres. They will be appointed by the Governor in Council to ensure that the reviewers have the appropriate terms of reference and protections to deal with the sensitive issues involved. It is important that the public has confidence in the administration of youth justice in Queensland and that is why I have ordered the review. The review report will be provided to me by November. I extend my offer of a confidential briefing to the shadow Attorney-General in relation to this review.