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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

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 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (10.23 am): There is no greater example of the instability and the ineffectiveness of this government than their management of the Police portfolio over the last two years. In less than two years we have had three ministers, and what a trio they are. First, we had the 'Bundamba Brawler', who is the member who is never mentioned anymore by members of the government. Then we had 'Wild Bill', the rat shooter from Rockhampton, the man who claims that law-abiding farmers are lone cowboys. Now what have they served up? We have the 'Boy Wonder' from Morayfield. Holy stuff-up! That is all I can say. All three talk tough—

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** I think both sides have had a bit of a go.

**Mr MANDER:** All three talk tough on crime but all three were instrumental in reversing the most effective, toughest anti-criminal bikie gang legislation in this country—legislation that has been copied and welcomed by the South Australian Labor government as well. What do we see now? We are seeing that because of this the bikies are now becoming more brazen. We hear about the recruiting of young members in schools. We hear that clubhouses will reopen and we hear about bikies flaunting the law by going to a bikie funeral and the police simply ignoring it. I wonder why that is the case.

What is the focus of Taskforce Maxima now under this new minister? Yesterday he had the hide to stand here and proudly announce one of the great crime-busting episodes of this century: they found a car with 44 designer dresses in it! Holy fashion police! This is what they are focusing on now. They are not focusing on violent crime; they are not focusing on bikie clubhouses; they are focusing on shoplifting. What will it be next? Will it be the illegal trade of cosmetics that this minister will concentrate on next?

It is only this side of parliament that is serious about addressing criminal motorcycle gangs and criminal organisations. Members opposite speak tough, but all they will continue to serve up is reviews. They will continue to follow our lead, whether it is no-body no-parole or whether it is an ice strategy. We are asking them to follow our lead one more time and go back to the motorcycle gang laws that worked and were effective.