




Speech By
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MOTION: YOUTH OFFENDERS, ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (6.25 pm): I rise to support the motion moved by the member for Mansfield. What do we know about this government when it comes to law and order? We know a couple of things. We know that they are tricky and they are secretive when it comes to law and order. We also know that they care more about the criminals than they do the victims of crime and law-abiding citizens. We also know that they do not understand that the No. 1 priority—

Mr BAILEY: I rise to a point of order. The member for Everton is very concerned about criminal behaviour. Does this mean he is going to name the secret donors of the Liberal Party tonight? Is that what he is going to do?

Mr SPEAKER: There is no point of order.

Mrs Frecklington interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: I can hear you, Deputy Leader of the Opposition. Member for Yeerongpilly, I think I might warn you under standing order 253A. If you persist, I will take the appropriate action. The challenge you have is that warning goes on for the rest of the evening. You will be on your best behaviour? All right.

Mr MANDER: This government does not recognise that its No. 1 priority as a government is to protect the community, is to keep the community safe. There is no greater example of this than their latest crazy idea to put juvenile offenders back into the suburbs, an idea they had to work up as a reaction to removing 17-year-olds from the justice system without any plan whatsoever. What we have heard about is possibly \$200 million to house 51 offenders in the youth justice system. There is no plan whatsoever, so they come up with these crazy sorts of things.

Before I go any further on that particular idea, I want to talk more about the secrecy that this government has in the law and order space. Of course, we had that disgraceful example a couple of sittings ago where the Corrective Services minister kept a secret from the Pullen family—a secret that he knew about—that one of their son's killers had been granted parole. He did not tell them. He actually paraded them during a press conference celebrating the passing of that particular law. He then hid behind confidentiality, which was an excuse that was brilliantly debunked by the member for Mansfield at the last sitting, showing what a charade that was.

We have also heard recently that the *Sunday Mail* had an RTI request about the prisoners who are currently in jail who would come under the no-body no-parole laws—again, zip, secret. We hear nothing, despite the fact that this is public knowledge; people were convicted publicly. They will not tell the public which prisoners come under that jurisdiction.

Now we have another secret: the location of the supervised bail accommodation option sites. Where will these facilities be located? Tonight the Attorney-General has been dragged kicking and screaming—she is embarrassed—to come forward with these locations only because the newspaper exposed the secrecy behind these things. It is only when we bring a motion to the House tonight that they agree that these things need to be made public.

The residents of Everton Hills, Albany Creek, Everton Park, Mitchelton and Enoggera all want to know whether one of these bail houses is going to be next door to them. They want to know whether they have to beef up security. Do they have to have higher fences and bigger walls? Do they have to have security cameras? Do they have to have guard dogs? We do not know any of the answers to these questions because they are being secretive about this. This government is not only secretive but they are tricky with regard to descriptions of programs when they do not want us to know what they are really about. They get together and say, 'What can we call this program so that people will not really know what is happening?'

There is no greater example of this than boot camps. They criticised us for boot camps, but what they did do? They had their own version: culturally appropriate adventure based learning programs. They are boot camps; that is what they are. Now they are calling these supervised bail accommodation options. Let's call them what they are: suburban youth detention centres. They are in our suburbs and the public deserves the right to know what they are.

This is a government that seeks to understand juvenile offenders, not punish them. This is a government that does not want to protect the community from juvenile offenders. For two nights in a row they have been shamed—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Members, I am looking at having more members join the member for Yeerongpilly. In particular I am looking at the member for Chatsworth and the Minister for Health. I would urge you not to continue. Member for Everton, you have eight seconds remaining.

Mr MANDER: This is the second night in a row this government has capitulated to the motions that have been moved by the opposition. That is the only way—

(Time expired)