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Crime Stoppers

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (6.21 pm): Recently I was delighted to attend the Crime Stoppers Queensland Annual Awards function on behalf of the Hon. Mark Ryan, Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services. The event celebrated and acknowledged the commitment and dedication of the Crime Stoppers volunteers in Queensland.

The Crime Stoppers program is highly respected across all of Queensland. Through their partnership with the Queensland Police Service they make Queensland communities safer through their detection work. I give a big shout-out to our local, hardworking Queensland police officers, many of whom volunteer with Queensland Crime Stoppers. I say thanks for all that they do each and every day. In particular, I recognise Brendan—or should I call him Brendan ‘the magnificent’—and all the team at Wynnum Police Station.

Crime Stoppers is Queensland’s only not-for-profit organisation that impacts the entire crime prevention spectrum. Crime Stoppers volunteer area committees are made up of members of the community who donate their time. The valuable work undertaken by the Crime Stoppers volunteers helps to build stronger relationships in the community by engaging with the community and raising the profile of Crime Stoppers, encouraging the community with opportunity and highlighting the value and benefits of reporting criminal activity to Crime Stoppers. Across Queensland there are 32 volunteer area committees, and I am sure many members are familiar with the great work that Crime Stoppers undertakes in their local area.

In 2017 Crime Stoppers received 56,683 contacts and 20,313 reports; 2,812 arrests were made from information that was passed on to the police and 8,359 charges were laid. This is impressive considering that it is all undertaken by a not-for-profit organisation that is run by volunteers. Every month Crime Stoppers Queensland receive over 5,000 contacts from the public. Furthermore, when calling these contact centres, the average wait time for these calls is less than 17 seconds. A lot of the work is performed by the many Queensland volunteers who dedicate their time for the safety of our communities.

The information received from those contacts is sent to the Queensland Police Service for investigation by local officers or specialist investigators. It is no surprise that Queensland’s results for solving crime are among the best in the nation. The Queensland government strongly supports and values the Crime Stoppers program, and by the end of the 2020-21 financial year we will have provided \$1.75 million in funding to assist with the operations of the Queensland Crime Stoppers contact centre.

I want to thank all of the Crime Stoppers volunteers, in particular the crew at Bayside. I thank them for devoting so much of their personal time to help fight crime, to keep the community safe and to make Queensland a better place to live for everyone.