



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR COOMERA**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Coomera Electorate, Police**

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (6.00 pm): This morning during questions without notice the Premier suggested to me that I should check my facts on the question I asked her. I thought I would begin with that particular set of facts on behalf of the parliament to clarify things for the Premier. The question that I asked the Premier was fairly concise. I asked—

In light of Labor's laws having had only one successful prosecution and no convictions after hundreds of warnings, does the Premier now accept that Labor's soft laws and Labor's cut to front-line police are leaving Gold Coasters at risk from criminal gangs?

Where did I get the information from? Estimates 2018, prehearing questions on notice to the Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services, question 4. He references the organised crime gang groups. He also says—

I am advised as at 30 June 2018 800 official consorting warnings have been issued across Queensland ... eight people have been charged for the offence of habitually consorting ...

He also then continues—

I am advised since 9 March 2017, one habitually consorting charge has been successfully prosecuted.

**Mr Watts:** One out of 800!

**Mr CRANDON:** One only out of 800. I take that interjection from the member for Toowoomba North. Having cleared that up for the Premier and the House, let us have a look at some other statistics of interest. Given that I was referencing the Gold Coast, we see that the Gold Coast is facing a crime crisis. Last year robberies were up 20 per cent; break-ins were up 15 per cent; and breaches of domestic violence orders were up by more than 25 per cent. At the same time, to cap it all off, the Palaszczuk government cut 45 police officers from 2016 to April this year.

Where do I get that figure from? Another answer to a question on notice advised that 841 permanent positions are on the Gold Coast versus 886 some 21 months before. It states that 527 of those are police officers on strength at the various police stations, but the rest of them are other officers that are around and about. It saddens me that I do not have time to go through all of these other statistics, but let me say that Coomera division wins—not—on all of these stats except one: the number of police per head of population in the Coomera electorate versus the rest of the Gold Coast divisions.