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**PARLIAMENTARY CRIME AND CORRUPTION COMMITTEE**

**Report, Motion to Take Note**

 **Ms PUGH** (Mount Ommaney—ALP) (4.04 pm): I rise to make a brief contribution to my very first committee report as a member of the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee. As members have heard, we are in the midst of a very substantive review. I will not pre-empt the outcome of the Attorney-General's work in that space, but I want to take this opportunity as a very new member of the committee to thank the recently departed members of the committee—the members for Hervey Bay and Rockhampton—for basically making way for me and the member for Cooper. We are very much enjoying our time on the committee.

I would also like to thank not only our hardworking secretariat but our counsel assisting. As a new member of the committee, this is a new experience for me, having counsel assisting as part of the inquiry that we are currently undertaking. I am enjoying my work on the committee so far and working with all members of the committee across both sides of the House in a collegiate way. I thank the member for Scenic Rim for his stewardship in chairing the committee.

Together with my colleagues on the committee, I am looking forward to completing our report in the coming months. I have appreciated the help of the members for Stafford and Macalister in answering my many questions. As the member for Scenic Rim mentioned, it is a committee that does require a vast amount of reading and then a vast amount of critical thinking, analysis and appreciation of the amount of work that has gone into that from so many people.

I can say as a member of parliament that I hold the institution and the concept of the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee in high regard. It was formed in response to the systemic corruption that had infiltrated Queensland politics, and together with the committee system it plays a key role in moderating the body politic here in Queensland. I think it is very timely to reflect on that around the anniversary of the suicide squad we are celebrating early next year.

As a new committee member, I will leave my contribution there. If I could be very cheeky, I want to congratulate the member for Southern Downs who later this year will join the club of those with adorable baby girls born in 2021. I am very excited for you and your family.

**Mr Lister:** And the member for Traeger too.

**Ms PUGH:** I know, and the member for Traeger as well. I wanted to say that now because babies are born when they are born and you might not be here next sitting. I wanted to do that while you are still here, so congratulations.