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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (2.00 pm): When is this government going to do something about hooning? That is the question being posed to me time and time again. That brings me to the nub of it: when will we see the legislation that will give police the tools they need—

Mr RYAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. Just after question time I introduced a bill into this House introducing hoon laws. I seek your ruling that this is anticipating the debate on that bill.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Member for Coomera, there is a bill before the House in relation to hooning. It is somewhat narrow in terms of the provisions of that bill. You are able to continue talking about the topic generally, but you must be careful not to stray into the area that pertains to the bill. We will be listening carefully and will provide some guidance if required.

Mr CRANDON: Thank you for your guidance, Mr Deputy Speaker. I will start again. When will we see some legislation? I now hear from the Minister for Police that that was introduced after question time today. I look forward to reading the material. I hope that it will give the police and the courts the tools they need and that ultimately it will give the people living in our community some respite from this ever-increasing issue.

When will we see the extra police we need on the northern Gold Coast? Finally, after intense lobbying, the new police station is being fast-tracked and will be delivered in November this year, but there has been no commitment as to how many additional police there will be. Although that question has been asked several times, we still have no commitment in relation to the number of additional police for the northern Gold Coast.

The hooning issue is at a crisis point on the northern Gold Coast. Last Saturday night was just another example. Out in the canelands, hundreds of people and cars were terrorising honest, law-abiding people. This email is one of many that I have received from one of my constituents. It states—

Hi, I live at Woongoolba with a young family and we constantly get terrorised by hooning idiots every weekend. Last night was out of control with hundreds of people in cars blocking the Staplyton-Jacobs Well Road and Norwell road intersection doing burnouts. Something needs to be done before one of these idiots kill themselves or even worse they kill someone innocent just like the couple killed a few weeks ago at Alex Hills ... I've attached a link to a video—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member, just yesterday I provided some guidance to the House in relation to the incident that you just referred to. Members need to be extremely cautious when discussing that matter because it is sub judice and you may offend the standing orders of the parliament as well as jeopardise the matters before the court. I ask you to be very careful and mindful of that direction yesterday.

Mr CRANDON: Thank you. The email continues—

I've attached a link to a video from last night of a family trying to get home through this. It went on for over an hour and a half and not a single police car turned up even after being reported by many residents.

That is absolutely true. Police were busy doing other work. We do not have enough police officers on the northern Gold Coast to attend to these matters as well as all of the other domestic violence and other matters.

New Haven Funerals has also written to me. They are desperate to do something. New Haven Funerals has the contract with the state to go to fatalities around the place, and it wants something done as well. New Haven Funerals is calling on this government to do something in relation to the matter of hooning but also the matter of police in the northern Gold Coast.