




Speech By
Hon. Mark Ryan

MEMBER FOR MORAYFIELD

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MOTION

Hervey Bay, Youth Crime

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (5.04 pm): I move—

That all words after 'House' be omitted and the following inserted:

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- (a) the importance of community safety and the impact it has on victims of crime;
- (b) the record investment by the Palaszczuk government in community safety measures;
- (c) that our emergency service workers work in collaboration with each other on behalf of Queenslanders;
- (d) the government's strong actions during the pandemic which has kept Queenslanders safe; and

acknowledges the strong advocacy of the member for Hervey Bay in support of his community.

This government will always do whatever it can to support victims and will always condemn the perpetrators of crime. We know that criminal offending is complex, but that does not mean that the government's resolve is any less when it comes to doing everything we can to support community safety and deliver better outcomes for community. Our record is strong on that through investments in emergency services and police and strengthening laws to ensure that perpetrators are held to account.

The member for Burdekin likes to talk big. He is very good at writing motions but he is not very good at writing plans. This is now about the fourth or fifth time I have had to stand in this chamber and say how many days it has been since the member for Burdekin promised to deliver a crime plan. He promised. He said he would deliver it. The update for the House is that it has been 586 days or 83.7 weeks or 19.3 months since the member for Burdekin promised to deliver a crime plan. He is big on words and little on delivery.

In fact, before my estimates hearing the LNP said that they were going to turn up and ask the minister questions on youth crime. How many questions on youth crime did they ask the commissioner? Zero! How many questions on youth crime did they ask me as police minister? Zero! Again, they were misleading the community. They talk big in the regions but when they get to Brisbane they squib it. The member for Burdekin loves running around the regions, talking big: 'We're going to ask the police minister some questions in estimates on youth crime.' Zero! He squibs it every single time. They like to misrepresent every single fact when it comes to not only the government's efforts on keeping the community safe but also our investment in the front line.

The member for Hervey Bay has been in this chamber for less than two years but already he is a strong deliverer for his community. The former member for Hervey Bay was here for almost a decade.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): I am about to start issuing warnings. The level of interjection is well beyond anything that could be considered reasonable.

Mr RYAN: Did he get a commitment from his side of politics to deliver any new police infrastructure for his community? He was here from 2009 to 2020. Did he get a single commitment? Did he convince his colleagues to make a commitment to any new police infrastructure in Hervey Bay? No! The current member for Hervey Bay has been in this chamber for less than two years and already has a commitment from this government to deliver a new \$14 million police facility in Hervey Bay. Why do we need a new facility in Hervey Bay? It is because more police are on the way.

It is because of our record investment in the Queensland Police Service that the Queensland Police Service is growing by 2,025 extra police personnel by the year 2025. To allay the member for Burdekin's concerns, the Queensland Police Service has once again confirmed to me that both the approved strength of the Hervey Bay police division and the actual headcount of sworn officers at the Hervey Bay Police Station has increased under the Palaszczuk government. When the member for Burdekin comes in and says, 'Oh, it's less,' he is misleading the House. It has increased, and that is the advice from the Queensland Police Service. Is there any doubt when it comes to the LNP's commitment to the police? At the last election, this is what they committed to the Queensland Police Service and the Queensland community. Ian Leavers said, 'What I did get out of the LNP was a commitment of nearly 400.' Out of Labor he got 1,450—1,000 more.

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