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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

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 **Ms CAMM** (Whitsunday—LNP) (2.14 pm): Last year the Premier said that the Commission of Inquiry into Queensland Police Service Responses to Domestic and Family Violence had given a road map for reform. The media statement said it would be a watershed reform program, yet here we are one year on from the government's receipt of the report and what have they done? The government are yet to finalise their response. When asked this week, the minister said that the recommendations were a work in progress. We have not seen the next Independent Implementation Supervisor's report, and if the government do what they did last time we will not see it for months—perhaps in the new year.

On too many occasions we have had report after report by this government handed down without any action progressing, including: the 2013 Child Protection Commission of Inquiry; the 2017 report into the blue card system; the 2017 Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse; and multiple reports from the Domestic and Family Violence Death Review and Advisory Board, to name a few. This government seems to lack the ability to follow through.

This week I was shocked to see the minister label the time frames that were given as arbitrary. The commission of inquiry was very deliberate. It gave a time line to this government to provide a road map, and it appears the government is not taking it seriously. In fact, it appears that the Premier does not even know what it is about. The minister stated, 'If you think you can change culture in one week, two weeks or three months, you're kidding yourself.' I am not sure if the minister has read the report in detail. There are no one-week or two-week recommendations, but there are clear recommendations not to change culture overnight but to put measures in place for the long term. This is a pivotal report. I will highlight recommendation 2, which states—

Within 12 months, the Queensland Police Service identify, using the mechanism for measuring domestic and family violence demand, the further additional funding and Full Time Equivalent positions needed to meet that demand.

The opposition already knows that we are 202 police officers short. We know that police officers are overworked. We know the percentage of DV callouts. One way to support our workforce is to ensure there are officers there to respond. I note that yesterday was National Victims of Crime Day. The minister needs to step up to the plate, be accountable and show leadership. To have a watershed report such as this and to show so little commitment to carrying out its recommendations is offensive to every officer and every victim who came forward and shared their story. This is a call for change, yet all we see from this government is the same old games and the same old talk with no action.

In relation to the RACQ rescue chopper, where is the member for Mackay? Once again the member is silent, missing in action and not representing her community—as always.