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**MEMBER FOR BURDEKIN**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services, Performance**

 **Mr LAST** (Burdekin—LNP) (2.25 pm): Today we finally had confirmation, with the release of the Auditor-General's report titled *Deploying police resources*, that this police minister is not up to the job. Make no mistake: this report is damning. It is one of the most damning reports I have ever seen. This report should be ringing alarm bells right across Queensland. This report clearly shows that this police minister is not up to the job.

I say at the outset that I support our police officers, who are doing a great job, but they are doing it under the most difficult and challenging of circumstances. Crime is the No. 1 issue in this state right now, and our Police Service needs leadership. They need resources, they need support and, more importantly, they need a minister with his finger on the pulse. What did the report find? It states—

QPS does not have a complete picture of all demand for its services.

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QPS does not have a strategic approach to workforce planning.

At estimates I asked: how much did the service delivery program cost to implement? The signature program that was brought in by this minister—how much? I was given a figure of \$8.7 million. The report has \$25.9 million—three times the amount. Of more concern—

It has no planned alternative to addressing the service delivery issues this program was designed to solve.

There is nothing to take its place. What else does it say? The report states—

QPS does not undertake statewide forecasting and does not have a comprehensive picture of its changing and emerging demand.

These statements ring alarm bells. It goes on—

QPS ... does not meet its response time targets set for high-priority calls.

Here is the one that did me in: the QPS have dropped the target for responding to code 1 and code 2 calls from 85 per cent to 80 per cent after they missed their target in 2021-22. Gee, I wonder why they did that. It would not be to pull the wool over our eyes by any chance?

Here is a staggering number. The QPS failed to respond to over 86,594 calls requiring a police response in the 2021-22 year. They are on their knees, and they are on their knees because of this government and the ineptitude of this police minister. There is only one solution. The first person out the door in '24 needs to be the police minister.