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 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (2.00 pm): The LNP has the right priorities for Queensland's future. We have the right priorities because we have spent time listening to Queenslanders. Every member of this team has been in every part of this state and we have listened to brave Queenslanders as they have told us their stories. Their stories have formed what will be the blueprint for shaping the right priorities for years to come in Queensland.

In contrast, what we have seen from the government has been a period of chaos and crisis, of undermining, of backstabbing, of a complete and utter void of leadership. What disappointed me most was when I heard the Premier refer to our document as 'the wrong priorities'. I want to ask the Premier: what in this document are the wrong priorities? Is it 'making our communities safer'? Is that what the Premier believes is a wrong priority? Youth crime is out of control. There are fewer police and weaker laws. That is why there is a youth crime crisis.

The Premier no longer has the priority of keeping Queenslanders safe. Today we heard from Jen, a constituent from Arana Hills, who told her story about what it was like to have her home invaded, to have to follow it on social media, to see a system where there are no consequences for actions. Jen is just one of thousands of Queenslanders impacted. Since the government's knee-jerk reaction, over 50 cars have been stolen every day, over 130 properties have been broken into every day. Our priority is about increasing the number of police on the beat and giving them the laws to do their job.

What other priorities does the Premier believe are wrong? Is it 'easier access to health services'? Is that what the Premier says is a wrong priority? Ambulance ramping in this state is the worst in the nation. It was 15 per cent when this government came to office. It had already doubled before COVID. It is at 45 per cent. The latest data is now 24 days overdue. We still do not know the latest data. Is it back to 15 per cent? Is it no longer the worst in the country? Our priority is to heal this crisis. Our priority is to enable young women to have their baby where, when and how they choose. That is what priorities look like: empowering local decision-making and ensuring that healthcare professionals are in charge at the coalface.

What about 'saving you paying for Labor's failures'? Does the Premier not believe that should be a priority? Queenslanders are tired of seeing their hard-earned taxpayer dollars frittered away by a government that has given up treating their money with respect, a government that has introduced 15 new taxes and a government that has spent billions of dollars in cost overruns on projects. I have said it before and I will say it again: the Minister for Transport would not make smoko time in a government where the Premier had not checked out. That a minister can survive like this one has would be laughable if Queenslanders were not paying for it. The LNP's priorities ensure reducing Labor government waste rather than hitting Queenslanders with higher taxes and fees and delivering better services and infrastructure for every taxpayer dollar invested. That is what our priorities are for Queensland. For the minister, who nearly three months ago deliberately withheld a \$2.4 billion cost overrun—

Mr BAILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take personal offence at those comments and I ask that they be withdrawn.

Mr CRISAFULLI: I withdraw. Like a cup that has been re-used too many times, that excuse is wilting. For the minister to somehow believe that you can withhold information like that from Queenslanders and not be held accountable just shows that this government has given up on ensuring Queenslanders do not have to pay for Labor's—

Mr BAILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take personal offence at those comments. The member knows that they are inaccurate and I ask that they be withdrawn.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): I will take some advice. Member for Miller, I only heard a reference to the government. I did not hear a reference to you personally. At this point I will not be ruling that there is a point of order.

Mr CRISAFULLI: A \$2.4 billion momentary lapse of concentration? It was deliberate, it was calculated and no-one has been held accountable. The LNP intends to ensure that Queenslanders do not have to pay for Labor's failures. What about 'securing our housing foundations'? Is that a wrong priority? Is it a wrong priority to want vulnerable Queenslanders to have a roof over their head? Is it a wrong priority to not want to see the community housing sector continue to go backwards—the only state in the nation that has? Is it a wrong priority to want Queenslanders to own their own home? When I see a generation of Queenslanders who have given up on the great Australian dream—it has become a nightmare for them—I know that this state could do so much better. At 64 per cent, Queensland's home ownership is the lowest in the country. We want to have ambition in this state. We want kids to believe in aspiration. Within 10 years we intend to go from last place to first place. I sat in a room with the member for Southport and listened to young Queenslanders say that they do not believe they have any hope of owning their own home within 10 years. I know that there is a better way in this state. These were young people, either studying at university or employed, and the vast majority of them did not believe they would ever be able to own their own home. They should be able to. I am pleased to say that there will be a single point of accountability to make sure that everything is on the table when it comes to fixing the housing crisis. When it comes to taxation and incentives, we will make sure that every option is analysed.

Here is a prediction: by budget time we will watch the Treasurer skulk in here and talk about thresholds and incentives. I ask members to remember this prediction. We will watch it happen because we have—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr CRISAFULLI: Watch another humiliating backdown, because this is a Treasurer—

Mr Dick interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, Treasurer!

Mr CRISAFULLI: What is wrong about making it a priority to work harder for Queenslanders? How is it that the Premier can say that wanting to re-establish integrity in government is a bad thing? When you have a report from Professor Coaldrake that talks about a culture of entrenched fear, of ministerial advisers walking around like little generals and of independent public servants being bullied, you know that government is broken in this state. The LNP has a focus to make sure that we are working harder for Queenslanders, to give them integrity in government and the government they deserve.

In question time today we saw a government with the wrong priorities. We saw a government scrambling to make an announcement. We now know that 'Steven M' is the Deputy Premier—shock reveal. What did we see in those text messages from the highest level of government? We saw no plan and no strategy—and do you know what is worse? We saw no compassion—absolutely none! That was in the shadow of one of the most horrific crimes that could ever occur in somebody's home, and the response was about an advertising campaign—and the Premier did not even bother to look at that when she got it. That shows how this government views everything. This is a government that views everything through the optics of its survival and has nothing for the priorities of Queenslanders' survival. There is only one side of this House that has been listening and there is only one side of this House that has the right priorities for Queensland's future, and it is the LNP.