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 **Ms SIMPSON** (Maroochydore—LNP) (4.59 pm): I give a shout-out to the Mooloolaba Surf Life Saving Club, which is celebrating 100 years of keeping that beautiful beach safe. They are a magnificent club that upholds the best of Surf Life Saving's traditions. Last week I was honoured to join nearly 400 people to mark that milestone. I am also delighted to give a shout-out to the Mooloolaba Rotary Club, which recently celebrated 50 years of serving our community, making our community beautiful and embodying the Rotary motto of 'Service above self'.

On other matters, the phrase that best describes this state Labor government is 'crisis, chaos and cover-ups'. On the Sunshine Coast, under this Labor government, assault numbers reached a 20-year high last year, and latest trends indicate that 2023 figures will eclipse that, according to reported government figures.

However, the state government refuses to come clean about real police numbers—boots on the ground—on the Sunshine Coast and instead quotes phantom 'approved' numbers. They are distinctly different from actual police numbers as approved positions do not answer a triple 0 call—only real police do that. There are about 86 police stations in Queensland with fewer actual police than when Labor took power eight years ago. Many areas on the Sunshine Coast are facing rosters that are not being properly filled.

This government is covering up the latest Queensland workforce reports. They have not released the latest reports.

Ms Palaszczuk: That's not true.

Ms SIMPSON: The Premier is saying it is not true. Well, it is true. It was due out in September last year, yet eight months later we still have not seen the real numbers for police, nurses and doctors, and the government is still talking about approved but not actual numbers.

I talked to one business owner in Nambour recently who witnessed someone getting kicked in the head in the middle of the day in the centre of town.

Government members interjected.

Ms SIMPSON: It is not funny. To the Labor ministers and members who think this is funny, this is a business owner in the middle of town in the middle of the day who saw someone having their head kicked in. When that person called police or called triple 0 they tell me it took nearly 40 minutes for police to come. They said that the police are spread thin and are hardworking but they do not have enough police to respond in the middle of the day when someone is kicked in the head.

This government has presided over a weakening of laws. They have hidden the workforce data. They are still hiding it eight months after it was due to be released. Then there is also the Working for Queensland survey, and we know this government has a pattern of bullying and toxic culture in the way they treat the public sector.

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