




Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE

Record of Proceedings, 16 March 2023

MOTION

Referral to Legal Affairs and Safety Committee

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (5.37 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—

That the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee (the committee) inquire into and report to the Legislative Assembly by 19 May 2023 on support provided to victims of crime and consider:

1. better coordination of the service system to ensure trauma informed, victim-centric and timely support for victims from the time of incident and throughout any investigation and prosecution, including:
 - (a) how the justice system, including the Queensland Police Service, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, and any services provided through court processes, supports victims;
 - (b) ensuring victims can be heard and included in an appropriate and timely way throughout any investigation and prosecution;
2. for victims of violence, the operation and effectiveness of the Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2009 (the act), including:
 - (a) enhancements to provide better, trauma informed and more timely assistance and support to victims;
 - (b) mapping victims' experiences under the act to identify ways to reduce the burden on applicants;
 - (c) the Charter of Victims' Rights and complaints made by victims, to identify common themes to inform future training,
 - (d) existing government initiatives in relation to the act's operation and effectiveness; and
3. the benefits, disadvantages and resourcing impacts of any recommendations.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.