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MOTION

Crime Statistics

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (5.27 pm): It gives me great pleasure to follow the member for Macalister's little rant there and support the member for Ninderry's motion before this House. I can tell the member what Adult Crime, Adult Time is. If you commit murder, if you commit manslaughter, if you break into someone's house with intent and if you flog their cars, that is an adult crime; therefore, you are going to serve adult time. It is not that hard to understand. I can tell the member and all those people over there, that people, particularly in Townsville, understand.

What is more distressing about the member for Macalister's speech and her not understanding Adult Crime, Adult Time is the fact that she did not mention victims once. Not once did a victim get mentioned in that speech. What an absolute rot of diatribe when we have victims screaming out in pain. You only have to hear the member for Clayfield's contribution as to what has gone on. I can only imagine how much the insurance premiums have gone up and how expensive it is now for that incredible man and his wife who have served our nation.

I spoke to Goondiwindi local councillor Susie Kelly this afternoon, and she told me that her insurances, particularly car insurance, have gone through the roof. Her house was broken into by a person carrying a knife, and her house insurance has gone up.

The cost of business insurance has gone up. A few months ago the leader and I were at a business in Cairns. That coffee shop owner said how disgusted they were in the member for Cairns for his lack of support when crime is out of control. Do members know what this coffee shop owner did? They stopped notifying their insurance company every time their windows got broken because, 'What's the point? The insurance premiums would just go up.' That is the effect of the cost-of-living crisis and the crime crisis in this nation.

Those opposite have no understanding. They are so out of touch. We just heard from a minister who is from Townsville. He is so out of touch. The figures say it all: in Townsville, robberies are up 287 per cent and stolen cars are up 103 per cent, and they think everything is okay? We have Janelle Poole running for us in Mundingburra. There is a police officer who knows what she is talking about. Of course, we have Marty Hunt running in Nicklin.

What about these figures? Just last week I was in Hervey Bay and Maryborough. David Lee in Hervey Bay was talking about crime, as was John Barounis in Maryborough.

Mr Saunders interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, member for Maryborough!

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: When you look at these figures—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, member for Maryborough!

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I do not find it funny.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Member for Maryborough, you are warned under the standing orders. I was attempting to get your attention and you ignored that.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I will take his interjection because I do not think it is funny. There has been a 282 per cent increase in stolen cars in the member's area, and those opposite think it is a laughing matter. These statistics represent victims of crime. We have not heard 'victims' once. We have not heard from victims. That is because it is only this side of the House that has been listening to victims—listening to the impact of the crime that is going on in not just major centres but all of the regional centres. That is why insurance is going up; that is why rents are going up. People do not want to rent out their homes anymore because the insurance has gone through the roof.

We must get rid of these guys. Queenslanders deserve more. Queenslanders can change the government at the end of this year, which I plead with them to do. We continue to talk about crisis after crisis, but the crime crisis is affecting each and every Queenslander. It is now in every suburb and regional town and people have had enough. That is why we will be bringing in the Making Queensland Safer Laws by the end of the year. Headlining that is Adult Crime, Adult Time. Let's show these jokers the door at the end of the year.