



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR TOWNSVILLE**

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## **PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

### **Townsville, Community Safety**

 **Mr BAILLIE** (Townsville—LNP) (2.09 pm): Townsville voted for a fresh start, and the Crisafulli government is only just getting started on delivering safety where you live and the fresh start North Queenslanders deserve. In the first six months, our government has introduced Adult Crime, Adult Time to restore serious consequences for serious repeat juvenile offenders, with quarterly data revealing green shoots in the reduction of a number of key offences including stolen cars, break-ins and robberies. We have more police on the front line to restore community safety and to turn the tide on Labor's youth crime crisis. We have deployed the state's flying squad in Townsville, which has resulted in 127 people being charged with 381 offences since February. We have boosted the capacity of the District Court with the appointment of a new Townsville District Court judge to ensure justice is delivered for victims sooner, and we are delivering \$1.8 million to allow Community Gro in Garbutt to continue its important work in providing an after-hours service to help young people at risk of offending.

This seems like a lot in the first six months, but I want Townsville to know we are just getting started. Earlier this week, our brave and dedicated Police Service in Townsville apprehended three teenagers with 81 property crime offences, alleged to have occurred over the last long weekend alone. The alleged offenders included a 15-year-old boy who was charged with 32 offences, a 15-year-old boy charged with 25 offences and another 16-year-old boy charged with 24 offences. These three teenagers will be subject to Adult Crime, Adult Time. I acknowledge and thank the Townsville Criminal Investigation Branch and the Townsville Tactical Crime Squad who have been relentless in their pursuit to hold property crime offenders to account.

**Mr POWER:** Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I have some concerns about sub judice and the rules that prohibit it.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kempton): Member for Townsville, could you advise if any of the matters you have raised are sub judice, or could you alternatively confirm they are not?

**Government members** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I can do without help, thank you. I am sure he understands what sub judice means.

**Mr BAILLIE:** To make it simple, I will withdraw, but I would like to acknowledge the Police Service in their pursuit to hold property crime offenders to account and put them before the courts. Regarding the courts, we are beginning to see green shoots there, too, with local lawyers advising that they have witnessed recent cases where young offenders are receiving sentences three times as long as under the previous laws. We are still a long way from where we need to be when it comes to youth crime, but we are committed to seeing the number of victims reduce and we will continue to make changes as

required. To that end, in January we established an expert legal panel to provide recommendations regarding further enhancements. They have recommended another 20 offences to be added to Adult Crime, Adult Crime. The expansion of Adult Crime, Adult Crime is currently—

**Mr McCALLUM:** Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order on the anticipation rule. There is legislation currently before the House.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** If you could be careful not to address matters that are currently before the House, member. You have 10 seconds left.

**Mr BAILLIE:** Thank you. I am simply referencing the process. We have the committee coming to Townsville. On behalf of my colleagues in Mundingburra and Thuringowa, I encourage the residents of Townsville to attend that committee.