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Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence

 **Hon. AJ CAMM** (Whitsunday—LNP) (Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (10.47 am): It has been 12 months of delivery for the Crisafulli government. We have been hard at work ensuring victims of domestic and family violence are getting the protection they need and that perpetrators are being held to account. We passed legislation in this House in August that enabled GPS monitoring trackers to be placed on high-risk offenders to track and monitor their movements 24/7, as well as giving victim-survivors the option to receive a device that would alert them immediately if a perpetrator breached orders.

I can update the House that last week a high-risk domestic and family violence offender was the first person using violence in this state to be ordered by a court to wear the GPS tracker as part of the trial in Townsville. This offender was fitted with the device at the Townsville Watch House and will be tracked 24/7. This measure will not only be an added layer of protection for victim-survivors but also ensure the offender is held accountable for their actions. The victim-survivor was also linked and referred to a specialist domestic and family violence service so that they could receive additional support during this time. The GPS monitoring pilot of high-risk perpetrators is underway in Townsville and Caboolture, with courts now able to place trackers on offenders and they will be monitored 24/7. I can further update the House that there have been a further 14 applications for persons using violence to have this tracker fitted and we will continue to monitor those numbers.

The work continues with DVConnect to fix the state's domestic and family violence 24/7 crisis line. I am pleased to hear from DVConnect that their improved performance continues month on month. I will continue to update the House on their progress. This, in line with our 24/7 North Queensland hub that is currently under design, will double the 24/7 crisis line capacity for our state's domestic violence response.

We have fast-tracked the domestic and family violence peak body's establishment—four years earlier than the former Labor government. The peak body will now be formed and stood up by Queensland Domestic Violence Services Network following initial work done by QCOSS. I thank both stakeholders for their participation in bringing forward this establishment. It will be stood up by January 2026. This is a critical partnership for the Crisafulli government as it comes at a pivotal time with the introduction of the new laws that will protect victims sooner as well as hold perpetrators to account with the introduction of the PPD framework, another additional tool for police.

The Crisafulli government will also commission the Australian National Research Organisation for Women's Safety to conduct a study on misidentification in a domestic and family violence setting in Queensland. I thank ANROWS for undertaking this work. As Sexual Violence Awareness Month comes to an end, the Crisafulli government has also committed to funding and standing up a domestic violence peak body in Queensland—something that had been advocated for for many years and was a

recommendation of the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce. The former government failed to achieve it, but I am pleased to report to the House that QSAN will be standing up this peak body in the first half of 2026. This is particularly important given the growing number of victims of sexual violence in this state. QSAN executive officer Angela Lynch thanked the Crisafulli government for finally funding and supporting their efforts in establishing a peak body. The Crisafulli government is committed to better outcomes for victim-survivors of domestic and family violence and sexual violence in this state and we are committed to delivering a safer Queensland.