



Speech By  
**Hon. Daniel Purdie**


**MEMBER FOR NINDERRY**

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**Community Safety**

 **Hon. DG PURDIE** (Ninderry—LNP) (Minister for Police and Emergency Services) (9.45 am): The Crisafulli government is delivering for Queensland. We are delivering what those opposite could not—safer communities. More than \$4 billion has been allocated to the police in this government's first budget—an increase of \$324 million. This is real funding for our front line—the men and women who put their lives on the line to fight crime. That includes expanding our aerial crime-fighting capability.

I am proud to inform the House that in this budget we have secured the future of Polair operations in Cairns, extending the vital service for another nine years, and expanded Polair operations on the Sunshine Coast to include Moreton Bay. Left to those opposite, funding was only provided for 12 months and would have expired for those crime-busting choppers in October this year. Over the last eight months, Polair Cairns alone has helped to arrest 167 people, including 76 juveniles. It has attended more than 600 jobs and located 73 stolen cars. How serious were those opposite about cleaning up their mess in Cairns, where juveniles are holding the streets to ransom? They never supported our police.

Under the Crisafulli government there will be fewer victims of crime because we value our police and the work they do. Along with the extra funding for police, the workforce will grow too, with an additional 296 full-time staff. This side of the House knows we need more boots on the ground and the staff to support them. Those opposite have tried to peddle a tale of lies—another Labor scare campaign telling people they would lose their jobs. That could not be further from the truth.

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** There is too much noise in the chamber.

**Mr PURDIE:** The members for Woodridge and Pine Rivers and the opposition leader should be ashamed. Workers and the community deserve the truth, particularly when they were feeling vulnerable as a result of Labor's youth crime crisis.

I can reveal to the House that, if it were up to those opposite, 61 people employed to help combat domestic and family violence in this state would be unemployed by next week. Today would be their last day. They would have been told, 'Don't come Monday.' That includes people working in the Vulnerable Persons Unit.

Once again, the former government's accounting practices have been found out. Domestic and family violence is one of our society's greatest challenges. Acting Commissioner Rhys Wildman was on the radio this morning and again referred to it as a 'scourge', and I agree. While Labor spruiked about what they were doing to help victims, they never put their money where their mouth was—all talk, no action. They created permanent positions then did not fund them, leaving the QPS to fall further into debt. I am proud to say that we have funded those positions permanently. We listened to Queenslanders and we listened to our police. The Crisafulli government will continue to ensure that our police have the resources they need to keep people right across Queensland safe.