



Speech By  
**Hon. Daniel Purdie**


**MEMBER FOR NINDERRY**

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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS**

**Police Commissioner; Youth Crime**

 **Hon. DG PURDIE** (Ninderry—LNP) (Minister for Police and Emergency Services) (10.18 am): I will just cover two points. Firstly, I am delighted to inform the House that the Commissioner of the Queensland Police Service, Steve Gollschewski, has won his battle against cancer and is itching to get back to work to continue his lifelong fight against crime. It was in February that he stepped away to take personal leave to focus on his health. He has shown strength and bravery, and his decision to return is a testament to his character. I am certain his strong mindset and steadfast sense of purpose played a role in his recovery. I also want to thank Acting Commissioner Shane Chelepy for stepping up into the role and for his dedication and commitment during a very busy seven months.

I would like to acknowledge a serious crime that was committed at the weekend on the Sunshine Coast—a sickening attack on a small business owner at Dicky Beach. It is unacceptable in our community. It is sickening and I share the victim's anger. I was in Caloundra with the local member just last week listening to business owners, who have been raising their ongoing concerns about crime. I spoke with some of my former teammates from the Sunshine Coast CPIU on Sunday morning who had worked around the clock to ensure all of the offenders by Sunday morning had been wrapped up and put before the court. Those offenders will now face Adult Crime, Adult Time. If this crime had been committed 10 months ago they would have been given a slap on the wrist, but they will now face consequences for their actions. Hopefully, I will have a chance to talk about that later today.