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 **Hon. DG PURDIE** (Ninderry—LNP) (Minister for Police and Emergency Services) (2.30 pm): Today I rise to address an important issue regarding the recent crime statistics that were reported to the public last week surrounding the rate of victims of crime. As members are aware, the government announced promising decreases in victim numbers across Queensland—a trend welcomed as a sign that our government policies and investment in public safety and our hardworking front line are beginning to take effect. In the last few hours I have been made aware by the Commissioner of the Queensland Police Service that there was a human error in the manual compilation and analysis of the rate of the victims between the period January and September 2025. It was reported that there had been a 10.8 per cent decrease in the victim rate per capita in Queensland. The actual reduction in victim numbers per capita is 6.5 per cent. Ahead of the media event on—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! The minister has the call, nobody else. There is way too much chatter in this chamber and the cross-chamber chatter can cease.

Mr PURDIE: Ahead of the media event on 7 October, my office raised concerns with the verification of data when it was provided but was reassured by police on multiple occasions that it was accurate. The methods and processes applied to the analysis of this data will be examined and improved ahead of next month's reporting. We have asked for the updated figures to be added to the forward-facing public website as soon as possible. Transparency and accuracy are fundamental to maintaining public trust.

The 6.5 per cent reduction in victim numbers is a credit to our hardworking men and women on the front line who have been tireless in their pursuit of driving down crime. The Crisafulli government continues to be a fierce advocate for honesty, transparency and reliability of regular reporting on crime, especially victim numbers. We know that data is not just numbers on a page; it represents real Queenslanders. This data error should not overshadow the determination of our government and our police to have fewer victims of crime in Queensland. The 6.5 per cent reduction is still showing we are moving in the right direction, but there is still much more work to be done. We remain steadfast in our determination to reduce crime, protect communities and support our police with the laws and resources they need to do their job. I have received a personal apology from the Commissioner of Police for the error and I would like to add my own apologies to Queenslanders. We will always be open and transparent if we realise an error has been made, and we will own it and I will communicate it with Queenslanders, who deserve nothing less.

I want to add some comments to the Premier's earlier comments in relation to the unfolding event outside of Gladstone today where a mother and two children have lost their lives in an early morning house fire. My heart goes out to their families, friends and all of the community, along with our first responders.