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 **Hon. DG PURDIE** (Ninderry—LNP) (Minister for Police and Emergency Services) (2.36 pm): I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the passing of Ian Leavers—a champion for police and community safety. He was a son, a father and a mate to many. His reach was wide, but it was his police family who were equally close to his heart. Even as Cross-Border Commissioner, he never stopped fighting for police and community safety. Last week was the first ever cross-border commissioners forum in Sydney. Leavo was instrumental in coordinating this meeting and driving the agenda. There was one thing we all agreed on: that Leavo's work will continue.

Today, I can announce that we are seeing the strongest signs in years that our police are rebuilding. Unplanned attrition in the QPS has dropped to 2.8—the lowest it has been in three years. That means more officers are staying, morale is strengthening and Queenslanders are seeing a Queensland Police Service that is growing stronger, not shrinking.

This is happening because we are backing our police with the resources and the tools they deserve after Labor's decade of decline. In just 12 months, the Crisafulli government has delivered an extra 476 officers—more than 2½ times the 174 Labor managed in their last four years. More police, better resources and stronger laws are starting to drive down crime. Adult Crime, Adult Time is reducing the number of victims, the number of homes being broken into and the number of cars being stolen and is ensuring young offenders face real consequences, and those consequences are acting as a real deterrent.

That is why I note with interest the Victorian Labor government's new Adult Time for Violent Crime legislation. The new laws target juveniles committing serious offences, allowing for greater penalties. Does that sound familiar? The Victorian government has seen the results of Adult Crime, Adult Time in Queensland. That is why it is disappointing that the federal Labor government wants to take Queensland back to 2015 when those opposite proudly watered down the laws and removed detention as a last resort, which created a revolving door of youth justice and a generation of untouchables.

The Crisafulli government is not going to take a backward step. We will continue to back our police and back those who serve on the front line to protect Queenslanders in their time of need.