



Speech By
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MOTION

No Confidence in Minister for Youth Justice and Victim Support and Minister for Corrective Services

 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (5.56 pm): I rise in support of the amendment moved by the member for Whitsunday. In doing so, I want to reflect on the Leader of the Opposition's contribution—a contribution that went for five minutes and in which we heard about boards and bodies, timelines and team members, processes and procedures, but there was something that was missing. Victims were missing, and here we have it again. The Leader of the Opposition did not talk about the victims, and that remains the problem.

The Leader of the Opposition has a problem. I have been in the position he is in, but I was able to chart an alternative course. I have looked back at what I was doing in the first 12 months and the kinds of motions we were moving, and I want to remind those opposite of them. Here is one from six months in. It stated—

This House:

1. condemns the Labor government for losing control of youth crime and failing to keep families safe and secure; and
2. calls on the Labor government to restore the offence of breach of bail for youth offenders.

Here is another one, which was after eight months. It stated that the House—

... notes the Queenslanders who have spoken out to fix the health system:

- (a) Patricia from Mudgeeraba, who waited months for surgery to walk again;
- (b) Donald from Mount Gravatt, who is still waiting for his heart surgery—

Then we mentioned Jan from Mulgrave, Stephen from Loganlea—

Ms Grace: It's all about you.

Mr CRISAFULLI: No, it is about these people. I take the interjection. It is about them.

Mr Mellish interjected.

Mr ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Aspley, you are warned.

Mr CRISAFULLI: I say this to the member for McConnel: it is about the people whom she said we were making up stories about. That is whom it is about.

Ms GRACE: Mr Acting Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take offence and I ask that it be withdrawn.

Mr CRISAFULLI: I withdraw. It is about the people who the opposition said were 'making up stories'. It is about Trevor, Ron, Sue, Rob—all of those people, all of the victims. Under this minister, victim numbers have fallen by 5.7 per cent in the first six months. That is the KPI to consider—and there is more to go, because that is off such an incredibly high base and we are far from satisfied.

There are a few missing parts of this debate. The member for Bulimba, the shadow minister, is not on the speaking list and has not said anything. Why is that? The member for Algester has been very quiet. I wonder if during the member for Waterford's contribution there will be any discussion about office supplies. That is what we want to see today. What do we have in those opposite? There is a document called the Coaldrake review, and it shows what life was like for the Public Service—the culture of fear, of intimidation, of advisers—forget the advisers who were leaving—walking around like little generals, badgering.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr ACTING SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Members on my left, come to order.

Mr CRISAFULLI: Advisers badgering, bullying, intimidating—and it is in black and white. It is their record and they own it. Do people want to know one of the first things I said as leader to this team here? 'Go and treat the Public Service with respect. Go and walk the floors.' They have walked the floors. There are two bits of advice they get. One is: 'You are the first minister we have seen in a long, long time.' The second thing they are told is: 'Thank goodness we count again.' They do count. I say to every public servant in this state: you matter. If we are going to fix the youth crime crisis, the health crisis, the cost-of-living crisis and the housing crisis, every public servant needs to be part of that change. They are valued and respected.

I say to those opposite: do better, because there are people out there that matter, people who four years ago nearly to the day found a voice in an opposition, an opposition that cared about people, that charted a course on victims and doing something for them. I have never seen a worse start to an opposition in this place. They are rudderless. They are leaderless. They have a leader who, as the member for Whitsunday said, is not hanging by a thread; he is hanging by dental floss.