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 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (9.37 am): Almost 12 months ago the people of Queensland voted for a fresh start. After a decade of decline under Labor, we saw the challenges facing our state—crime, housing, health, cost of living. Since we came to government we have been focused on delivering for Queensland. Fewer police, weaker laws and a lack of early intervention created Labor's youth crime crisis. Under this government, there are fewer victims of crime. Crime is starting to trend down, but the job is far from done. We are serious about delivering change and restoring consequences for actions. We have delivered a thousand new police recruits, and there is more to come. Our special Flying Squad has arrested over a thousand youth criminals. Adult Crime, Adult Time is now law. The new laws will be combined with the biggest investment in early intervention and rehabilitation in our state's history. Under the former government, young people leaving detention were given only 72 hours of support after release. Reoffending rates skyrocketed. Our new Staying on Track program provides up to 12 months of intensive rehabilitation. We have already announced seven providers that will deliver the new program in Ipswich and Inala, Gold Coast, Cairns and Townsville.

Last week we delivered the Energy Roadmap. It is our plan to deliver affordable, reliable and sustainable energy for Queenslanders. After a decade of blowouts and delays under Labor, our state now has a credible delivery plan. The road map balances respect for taxpayers' money and building what is needed for the future. It is an approach we are taking right across government. Take the Residential Activation Fund as an example. We want more Queenslanders to have a place to call home. By delivering targeted investment right across the state, this fund will unlock thousands of new homes.

We are also delivering more social and affordable housing. There are almost 6,000 social and affordable homes now in construction or under contract. That is more than twice the number Labor had locked in at the time of the last budget. We are also delivering more support for Queensland women. Our new Women's Career Grants are all about helping women who have been out of the workforce for more than six months. Today I can reveal there has already been over 1,000 expressions of interest in under 48 hours. The grants will help fund the cost of work wear, child care, training, recertification and tools. It will help break down barriers to get women back into the workforce.

It is a great time to be a Queenslanders. Maybe it is the excitement of multiple sporting premierships coming home to Queensland, maybe it is our exporters taking Queensland to the world or maybe it is the energy from our multicultural communities celebrating events like Diwali but, as I travel around the state and talk to Queenslanders, there is much cause for optimism. They feel that they finally have a government that is delivering for them and not in chaos and crisis. We have come a long way in the last year but there is a long way to go. We will continue to deliver safety where you live, health services when you need them, respect for your money and a place to call home. That is what Queenslanders voted for. That is what Queenslanders deserve, and that is exactly what our government will deliver.