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Crime

 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (2.07 pm): Our government is committed to prioritising victims and putting their rights first. We inherited a crime crisis, a decade in the making: weaker laws, fewer police, detention as a last resort, breach of bail removed as an offence—we all remember that. Labor's legacy is a spiralling youth crime crisis and a generation of serious repeat offenders.

Our government is determined to turn the tide on crime in this state. We promised to restore consequences for actions, and that is exactly what we have been delivering. It was almost exactly one year ago that Adult Time, Adult Crime became law. Passing the Making Queensland Safer Laws was one of our very first acts as a government. Since then, we have expanded the laws to cover more offences. We have said there will be more—and there will be. We have put more police on the beat and we have equipped them with the tools they need on the front line. We have passed Daniel's Law and Jack's Law has been made permanent, both named in honour of tragic losses that will now leave a legacy of positive change and make our communities safer. We made significant changes to domestic violence legislation to increase protections for victims and ensure victims are prioritised during the sentencing of sexual offences.

Later today, we will introduce new laws to strengthen youth bail monitoring. We will make electronic monitoring permanent. The bill will remove Labor's limitations and give courts the power to impose a GPS device on any eligible youth aged 10 to 17 years old, including first-time youth offenders. Electronic monitoring devices have been found to reduce the likelihood of reoffending by 24 per cent.

We want serious offenders to be brought to justice, but we also hope they will be reformed. That is why we have invested in early intervention and rehabilitation programs. Our new Regional Reset program has launched in seven regions across the state, to help young people at risk of turning to crime. Staying on Track offers up to 12 months of rehabilitation for youths exiting detention to stop them falling back into the cycle of crime. Under the former government, young people leaving detention were given only 72 hours of support after release.

Importantly, at the heart of our approach has been putting victims first. We inherited a system that did not prioritise victims. Victims must come first. Victim numbers are moving in the right direction after a decade of decline. These are early signs of success, but there is more to do. We will continue to send a strong message that there are consequences for actions. Every Queenslanders deserves to feel safe in their home. We are just getting started, and I promise Queenslanders that the work will continue.