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 **Mr BAROUNIS** (Maryborough—LNP) (3.34 pm): It gives me great pleasure to rise today to address the first estimates hearings under the new Crisafulli government. This was our government's opportunity to show the people of Queensland that the change they voted for in October 2024 is real, it is happening and it will continue. We all know that the previous Labor government had become stale. They stopped listening to the people of our great state. On 26 October last year Queenslanders said, 'Enough!' They voted for a better government—an honest government.

The residents of the Maryborough electorate want to know what this means for them. It is my great pleasure to share some of this good news for Maryborough. The \$7 million commitment to upgrade the local police facility alongside the permanency of Jack's Law and the implementation of Adult Crime, Adult Time are strong signals that the Crisafulli government is serious about getting tough on crime. Our local police officers, who do an incredibly difficult job, now know that they are not forgotten; they are recognised and valued. They have been given the resources they need to continue protecting our community.

My community of Maryborough has voiced its concerns about the ongoing issue of antisocial behaviour within our CBD. Our Premier has come to town and he has listened and acted. A forum was called in town—

Ms Grace: It is exactly the same speech!

Mr Healy: You didn't pick up the wrong speech?

Mr BAROUNIS: I do not think it is the same speech.

Mr Healy: You are not reading the same speech?

Mr BAROUNIS: No, not at all.

Ms Grace: It is the same one. You've picked the wrong one up.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The opposition members are making it exceedingly difficult for the member on his feet and I ask that you rule accordingly.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Whiting): Members, there has been a lot of cross-chamber chatter. That will now cease. Unfortunately, member, you are going to have to resume your seat. The time for this debate has expired.