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INTEGRITY AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE, REPORT**

Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee, Report

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Krause): The question is—

That the report of the Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee be adopted.

 **Mr HUNT** (Nicklin—LNP) (5.36 pm): As chair of the Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee and the member for Nicklin, I am proud to present our committee's report on the 2025-26 budget estimates hearing. We can safely disregard the desperate attempt by Labor members to clutch at anything to divert attention from their decade of decline in their pathetic statement of reservation. This part of the budget reflects the clear priorities of the Crisafulli government: safer communities, a justice system that works and genuine support for Queenslanders who need it most.

We have now been in government for just 10 months. Labor had 10 long years. What a contrast those 10 months have been. In less than a year, the Crisafulli government has delivered real action on community safety, justice and integrity—issues that Labor ignored for a decade. For 10 years under Labor, Queenslanders saw youth crime spiral out of control, police left without the resources they needed, victims pushed to the sidelines and critical services like DNA testing descend into chaos. Now, in just 10 months, this government has turned the page and started to fix the mess.

Labor's weak laws allowed repeat offenders to terrorise our suburbs, including in Nicklin. When I was doorknocking the communities and talking to locals, families told me they felt unsafe in their own homes and on our streets. In just 10 months, this government has invested in the reforms that balance accountability with rehabilitation. We have delivered our Adult Crime, Adult Time stronger consequences and accountability for actions, along with early intervention and rehabilitation programs with purpose. Labor had 10 years to act. Not only did they do nothing to reverse the situation; they denied it existed and made legislation that made the situation worse, watering down laws and burying their heads in the sand. This government has acted and achieved more in 10 short months than Labor did in 10 years. Under Labor, police officers were leaving in droves and frontline officers were stretched thin. In just 10 months, this government has backed our police with over double the net numbers that Labor achieved over their entire term.

One of the other most pleasing things for me to hear was the commitment to the new style of tasers. I know these will be a game changer for police. This new technology will protect both police officers and the public far more effectively. In Nicklin we are delivering a new Nambour Police Beat shopfront in the CBD, something for which our community has been calling for over a decade but it fell on the deaf ears of the former Labor government.

For 10 years Labor put offenders first and victims last. Too many families were left feeling abandoned. This government has acted swiftly to change that. The establishment of the Victims

Advocate Service means victims will finally have a strong voice in the justice system. That is a reform that Labor never delivered in 10 years, but this government has delivered it in 10 months.

Labor's failures in forensic science and DNA testing were nothing short of disgraceful. Cases collapsed, victims were denied justice and confidence in the system was shattered. In just 10 months this government has committed the necessary funding to boost forensic services, clear backlogs and restore trust.

In relation to emergency services, Labor left our fires, SES volunteers and paramedics under-resourced, and this budget fixes that. We are giving them the facilities, training and tools they need to keep us safe. That is what good governments do—back their frontline workers.

This is the contrast: 10 months of delivery under the Crisafulli government versus a decade of decline and excuses under Labor. Queenslanders voted for change because they were sick of the chaos, the neglect and the soft-on-crime approach of the last government. What they have now is a government with a plan, a government that listens and a government that delivers for Queenslanders.

The Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee recommends that the proposed expenditure be agreed to without amendment, and, of course, I strongly support that recommendation. This budget restores confidence, backs our frontline workers, supports victims and makes Queensland, and Nicklin, a safer place for our families. This is the difference a Crisafulli government makes after just 10 months of delivering for Queenslanders. I commend the report to the House.