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 **Ms SCANLON** (Gaven—ALP) (2.45 pm): It is great to follow the member for Burleigh. The 'fresh start' from the LNP is to turn Burleigh into a bus depot—that is the position of the LNP. I expected a lot more from this LNP government after being in opposition for nearly 10 years. I expected a lot more of their so-called 'youth crime laws', given that was effectively the only thing they talked about. Despite rushing it through, despite all of the experts saying, 'Just hold on a second, we want to look at all these laws,' they said these laws would fix crime by Christmas. Since then, we have seen an 11 per cent increase in the number of kids committing unlawful entries and a two per cent increase in the number of children stealing cars. That is despite the fact that the Attorney-General, when asked on ABC when youth crime would drop, said—

Well obviously, Steve, we want to see it drop immediately. It is extremely important, especially when we're going into the Christmas season. It's always over Christmas when crime seems to go up. We must see crime rates go down.

That is the test the Attorney-General set for herself, and the test they have already failed. If that was not clear enough we then heard from Premier Crisafulli, who said—

Crime rates must fall and they will. And the Attorney-General and the police minister will be held accountable for that. I'm a big believer in that.

Just like he was a big believer in integrity and transparency when they were in opposition. Then, as soon as they got into government, we see that they are trying to hide cabinet papers, particularly cabinet papers related to Adult Crime, Adult Time. Maybe there is no cabinet document, which would explain why the youth justice minister has had to step in to fix their bungled laws that they tried to rush through the parliament. Of course, we know this so-called 'independent expert panel' that will cost taxpayers' money was really struggling to find people. In fact, I table a copy of the *Courier-Mail* article 'Advice from nobodies'.

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There were senior police figures, senior experts, who were saying why would you go onto this panel? In fact, the *Courier-Mail* said that there are LNP-affiliated experts saying, 'I'm aware of people who have been approached and don't have any faith the government will listen to their advice ...'.

Once again, all spin and slogans and no substance—a bit like their housing commitments, where they said in their 100-day plan that they would establish a housing committee. Frankly, if the Premier thinks—

Mr O'Connor: It is a taskforce.

Ms SCANLON: Sorry, it is a taskforce.

Ms Grace interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Lister): Member for McConnel, it is highly disorderly to engage in applause on the floor of the chamber. You are warned under the standing orders.

Ms SCANLON: If the Premier thinks putting the member for Bonney and the member for Kawana in a room to talk about housing is the solution to housing, well, God help us all. Of course, the member for Bonney is the person who said in his first speech in this parliament that he is a big believer in wave pools on golf courses. Of course the other part of their 100-day plan is to say, 'Oh, but we do not believe in housing on golf courses, particularly when they are in the member for Bonney's electorate.' So when it comes to 650 homes, 20 per cent of which need to be affordable housing, they say, 'No, but we are okay with wave pools'. That is the position of the LNP.

Then, of course, the first bill that this LNP government passed was to give the Deputy Premier powers to basically overturn what the Public Service wants to do in affordable housing projects and instead give the Deputy Premier the power to scrap or reduce affordable housing projects that Labor gave the green light to. The only other policy I could see in their 100-day plan that was somewhat new was that they allegedly want to unlock church and charity owned land. The Premier said, 'Ten thousand new community homes—it won't cost a dollar, just a change in regulation.' Already the housing minister is trying to walk back from that because he realised that is probably not going to happen. The reason we know he wants to walk it back is that the member for Chatsworth does not want housing in his own electorate. In fact, right now he is opposing 44 homes that are being built by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese. They say they want it, just not in their electorates.

The only people who lose out when we get spin and slogans are Queenslanders. The people of Queensland need substance, and that is not going to come from this government.