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Community Safety

 **Hon. MAJ SCANLON** (Gaven—ALP) (2.06 pm): Community safety is not a slogan; it is personal. My dad was a police officer and I grew up knowing what it means when someone's safety is stolen from them—that victims are not just statistics. They are real people whose lives have been turned upside down. Under those opposite, what is coming down is credibility of data under their watch. First, their new victim data did not even include breaches of domestic violence. Then, and only then, after Labor discovered 4,241 victims between January and August were completely missing from the government's official crime data, did the minister come in here and say, 'Oh, actually, yes, it turns out you are right.' When we asked the police minister to disclose the WhatsApp messages about these missing victim numbers—

Ms Grace: 'Nah, nothing to see here.'

Ms SCANLON: He said, 'Oh, yeah, nothing to see here. No, I'm not going to disclose that information.' He can spend time, though, to spin stories but not actually tell the truth to Queenslanders and provide that information for everyone to see. A case in point is the police minister's own chief of staff, who somehow knew specific details about an attempted murder in Upper Coomera, an attack on a woman in her sixties, to prepare for a media conference but apparently had no idea thousands of victims were disappearing under their watch. I table of copy of that RTI.

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Of course, we know how those opposite really feel about crimes committed against women. When an LNP donor and former MP punched a woman—an innocent woman—in the face, did the Premier condemn him? No. He called it a 'misdemeanour'. I want to quote what the magistrate said about this particular incident. They said—

"It's an absolute nightmare for the victims—they were innocent, going about their lives, confronted by you—motivated by beliefs that were entirely incorrect," ...

Unfortunately, we have a leader who claims that he stands up for victims, but apparently if you donate \$17,000 to the LNP you do not matter. All we get under the LNP is victims deleted from data. They refuse to release the messages that might show who is actually responsible and what the minister actually knew. Every one of those 4,241 victims mattered. Every woman whose safety is ignored matters, even if you do not donate \$17,000 to the Liberal National Party, and every Queenslanders deserves a government that actually counts victims, not one that makes them disappear. Under Labor we do not hide victims; we stand with them. It is about time the police minister disclosed the WhatsApp messages and what is on the app to be transparent to Queenslanders about what he and his staff knew about this data not being transparent.