



Speech By
Hon. Amanda Camm

MEMBER FOR WHITSUNDAY

Record of Proceedings, 4 March 2026

MOTION

Victims of Crime, Data Reporting

 **Hon. AJ CAMM** (Whitsunday—LNP) (Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (6.08 pm): I support the amendment moved by the Minister for Police and the incredible work that the minister is doing in increasing the number of our frontline police force. I am very proud to be one of the ministers, along with my colleagues, charged with lowering victim numbers. When we make a commitment to the people of Queensland we intend to deliver upon it. We will continue to deliver for Queenslanders.

Ms Grace interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for McConnel, this is the last time.

Ms CAMM: Let us remind those opposite and all Queenslanders of their record when it comes to victim numbers. During the decade of decline under those opposite total crime increased 27 per cent, car theft increased 101 per cent, break-ins increased 44 per cent and assaults increased 198 per cent. While all that was going on, senior ministers at the time were calling it a media beat-up. They come into this House and say Queenslanders cannot trust our government when our government is deploying resources to the front line. For a decade police were screaming out for extra resourcing and our communities were screaming out for extra police on the beat. We saw youth offending in Far North Queensland, North Queensland, Central Queensland—

Mr Field: Everywhere.

Ms CAMM:—and, in fact, throughout our entire state. I take the interjection from our good member who would not be sitting here if his family were not a victim of crime under the most horrific of circumstances. Those opposite are scaremongering. They come into this House and say that they want to see lower victim numbers, but I question whether they really do want to see victim numbers reduced. Do they? At every opportunity during sitting weeks they are on social media and in the media scaremongering to the people of Queensland—

Mrs Gerber: Not supporting our tough laws.

Ms CAMM:—and not supporting our tough laws. I take the interjection from the Minister for Victim Support who has introduced our third tranche of Adult Crime, Adult Time laws. She made the commitment to Queenslanders, as did our Premier, that we will continue to reform if it means lower victim numbers.

A government member: Are they going to support it?

Ms CAMM: I take that interjection; are they going to support it? It is an interesting question, isn't it, members? I wonder how the factional wars are going over there.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Direct your comments through the chair, please.

Ms CAMM: It makes sense that they are all defending the member for Cairns this week. It is because they need him for their own numbers. The leadership sure do!

Ms McMillan interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order, member for Mansfield.

Ms CAMM: Under the Crisafulli government we are already seeing green shoots. Those opposite talk about it because it is true and they know it to be true. Victim numbers are down 7.2 per cent compared to the previous year. Robberies are down 16 per cent. They should be celebrating in their communities particularly—

Ms McMillan interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: The member for Mansfield is warned.

Ms CAMM:—when we look at some of the swings against them in their communities, some of which exceed eight per cent. You would think they would be touting the tough-on-crime stance of our government.

A government member: Macalister.

Ms CAMM: I take the interjection. It is the member for Macalister whose swing is around eight per cent. Break-ins are down 13.2 per cent and stolen cars are down 3.2 per cent. These are positive signs but we are realistic about the challenge and the decade of decline that we inherited from those opposite. We know it will take time and the Queensland people know it will take time, but they know we are doing everything in our power to drive down victim numbers and to provide support to the frontline officers who need it.

That is why we have continued to strengthen the laws unlike those opposite who, in 2016, watered down the youth justice laws. We know that was a pivotal moment because we saw an increase in crime through the youth justice system. We know it all too well. I know it all too well from the funnelling of children from Child Safety into the youth justice system. It was very real. That is where we have the majority of serious repeat offenders. I commend the minister for the work she is doing with detention and the programs she is rolling out such as Regional Reset. Last week I was in the electorate of the member for Mirani where they are so excited about the program that they will deliver for young people. Our government has made a commitment and we will deliver on lowering victim numbers. Those opposite can continue to scaremonger and sprout falsehoods—

(Time expired)