

Speech By

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## MEMBER FOR WHITSUNDAY

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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

### Domestic and Family Violence

**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) (10.02 am): I echo those words of the police minister. Together Queenslanders can prevent domestic and family violence. I am working very closely with the police minister, the Attorney-General and the victims minister to do all we can to reform what was a decade of decline left by those opposite, particularly in system failures.

In Australia a woman dies every four days at the hands of a current or a former partner. Behind every statistic is a mother, sister, daughter, friend or colleague. That is why last week I was humbled to sit alongside Shayne Probert as we remembered her mother, Doreen Langham, and Danielle Carroll as we remembered her sister Kelly Wilkinson. We also remembered Carra Luke as I sat with Dr Luis Prado and Carra's two daughters, as well as Allison Baden-Clay. I was honoured to hear from Vanessa Fowler and sit with her parents at the candlelight vigil which I know many of us participated in right across our communities.

We are doing what we said we would do, starting with the delivery of three new hope hubs not just in South-East Queensland but across the state. Later this month I will join Beyond DV at Orion Springfield Central to officially open the hope hub that will deliver healing and recovery in this centrally located hub.

**A government member:** Hear, hear!

**Ms CAMM:** Thank you. Victim-survivors will be connected with trauma informed recovery services as well as housing, legal, financial and health supports, and employment and training opportunities so that victim-survivors can achieve economic independence and security. Procurement is underway for the North Queensland 24/7 domestic violence hub in Townsville.

**Government members:** Hear, hear!

**Ms CAMM:** This will ensure—and I thank the advocates for North Queensland—North Queensland victims can pick up the phone and have confidence, firstly, that it will be answered but also that a 24/7 place-based response will be delivered for North Queenslanders. Unlike those opposite, our government understands the challenge of regional and remote Queensland. This new hub will not only deliver greater capacity across our state but also support our approach, which is a different approach and one that is welcomed by victim-survivors.

Under the Labor government, DVConnect's response rate dropped to a low of 41.9 per cent. Too many women in crisis were left without support, the phone was not answered and too many police referrals were left unanswered. Following the intervention of the Crisafulli government, the response rates have now improved significantly and are consistently sitting at close to 80 per cent month on

month, and there is more work to do. Abandoned calls have also dropped dramatically. Under those opposite, 10,000 calls in a single quarter were left unanswered. We have now increased that performance, with the latest reporting data showing a decrease to 4,000.

While we have a long way to go in undoing the decade of decline by those opposite, we are bringing forward interventions that mean the most to victim-survivors. We have also brought forward the state's first peak domestic violence body. This is years earlier than those opposite had intended. We have also established a sexual violence peak body because we know it is important, particularly on the back of the incredible work the Attorney-General has delivered in the backlog of rape kits. That peak service, along with the domestic violence peak body, will now be working with victim-survivors to ensure justice is served.

We are taking real and meaningful action, and I support all of the reforms that the police minister outlined. I look forward to working with him as we bring forth further reforms and tools for police that have been welcomed and received well by victim-survivors and their advocates right across the state.

Reported DFV incidents across Queensland increased by almost 220 per cent under a decade of the Labor government. We will continue to do everything we can to turn around this trend but also to fix the broken systems left by those opposite. We will continue to deliver safety where you live, safety in your community and, for victims of domestic and family violence, safety in the home.