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 **Hon. DG PURDIE** (Ninderry—LNP) (Minister for Police and Emergency Services) (2.43 pm): I rise today to update the House on the decisive leadership and real progress we are delivering to make Queensland safer. Last month, Brett Pointing was appointed as Queensland's new Police Commissioner following the retirement of Steve Gollschewski. Acting Commissioner Pointing brings more than 40 years of policing experience to the role, including senior leadership positions within the Queensland Police Service and the Australian Federal Police. He has led major operational reforms, supported stronger protections for victims of domestic and family violence, worked in disaster management and played a key role in tackling serious and organised crime. His first major initiative as commissioner was the launch of Operation Forge on Friday, a high-visibility statewide crackdown targeting break-ins, robberies and stolen vehicles with a strong focus on serious repeat offenders. Already in 2025 we have seen a 17 per cent reduction in the number of serious repeat offenders compared with 2024—clear evidence that strong leadership, stronger laws and proper resourcing are making a difference.

Leadership matters, but so too does rebuilding the strength of the front line after Labor's decade of decline. Just last week I proudly oversaw 123 new constables sworn in to the Queensland Police Service in one of the largest graduations in recent history. Since the election there has been a net increase of 617 police officers across this state—that is significantly more than Labor added in their last two terms combined—while unplanned attrition has fallen to just 2.6 per cent, the lowest level in five years. Why? It is because this government backs our police. We are turning around the record attrition and stretched resources left behind after a decade of decline.

The strengthened front line is being backed by targeted specialist capability. Today the State Flying Squad marks 125 deployments across Queensland. This 58-officer rapid response unit of crack detectives, the largest in Queensland's history, has now arrested 2,265 offenders on 6,931 charges, including 1,279 juveniles charged with 3,858 offences. The squad provides critical surge capacity into crime hotspots, restoring safety where Queenslanders live and helping turn the tide on Labor's youth crime crisis.

We are delivering stronger leadership, more police on the beat and specialist resources to target those worst offenders causing the most harm. Victim numbers are down 7.2 per cent in 2025 compared with 2024, but we know there is still more work to do after a decade of decline that saw overall victims of crime increase by 193 per cent. We will not relent. We will continue driving down crime and reducing the number of victims across this great state.