



Speech By
Hon. Daniel Purdie

MEMBER FOR NINDERRY

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MOTION

Victims of Crime, Data Reporting

 **Hon. DG PURDIE** (Ninderry—LNP) (Minister for Police and Emergency Services) (5.35 pm):
I move the following amendment—

That all words after 'that this House' be omitted and the following paragraph inserted—

'Condemns the Palaszczuk and Miles government for overseeing a 193 per cent increase in victim of crime numbers.'

I am not sure where to start regarding the member for Gladstone's contribution. He began by trying to sing their praises about the work they did on crime when they were in government but he probably forgot about the fact that in July 2024 the *Courier-Mail* announced that Queensland is now officially the crime capital of Australia with 289,000 victims of crime across Queensland. Across every stat, whether it is domestic and family violence, stolen cars or assault, they exploded under those opposite. However, they did not scrutinise the data then. They tried to write it off as a media beat-up. Let's have a look at the member for Gladstone's record in his own electorate. During the time they were in government not only assaults but stolen cars went up; they tripled in the Gladstone police division. We did not hear him talk about that. I do not know where he got some of those figures—

Ms Fentiman interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Waterford, I will not caution you again.

Mr PURDIE:—he was trotting out about crime being on the improve. Let's talk about the former premier, the member for Murrumba. I will not waste too much time on him because we know he is only warming the chair for a short time. Assaults in the Mango Hill and North Lakes division under those opposite increased by nearly 500 per cent—489 per cent. I see the member for Woodridge is coming up next and I am mindful that he is not going anywhere fast either, so I will gloss over this. I say to the member for Woodridge, a senior member of the Miles-Palaszczuk government, that assaults in the Crestmead division, which falls within that member's electorate, rose from 144 in 2015 to over a thousand—1,016—by 2024, a 600 per cent increase.

Let's go to the two members opposite who are vying for the next top job. First is the member for Gaven. Assaults in Nerang, which is in the member's electorate, rose by 273 per cent.

Ms Fentiman: What about DV?

Mr PURDIE: The member for Waterford is yelling out, 'What about DV?' Let's have a look at DV in the member's electorate—

Ms Fentiman: Yes, under them.

Mr PURDIE:—because breaches of domestic and family violence in the member for Waterford's electorate rose by 400 per cent while they were in government.

Ms Fentiman interjected.

Mr PURDIE: There she is interjecting. I am happy to take all those interjections about domestic and family violence.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Waterford, you are warned under the standing orders.

Mr PURDIE: I was taking those interjections from the member for Waterford, who was not really scrutinising the data when she was a senior member of the government—attorney-general, minister for victims and minister for health—when breaches of domestic and family violence orders rose in her electorate by 400 per cent and assaults in the Loganholme police division, which again falls in the member for Waterford’s electorate, rose by almost 500 per cent. I cannot remember whether that member was the attorney-general or in another position like the minister for women and was demanding scrutiny of the figures then because they called it a media beat-up. It was the member for Waterford—and she took offence when I mentioned this yesterday, so I want to make sure I am accurate about this—who joined the Labor Party to water down the Youth Justice Act.

Ms FENTIMAN: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take personal offence, once again, and I ask him to withdraw.

Mr SPEAKER: The member has taken personal offence. I ask that you withdraw.

Mr PURDIE: I withdraw. Just to be perfectly accurate, I will quote from *Hansard*. In debate on the Youth Justice and Other Legislation (Inclusion of 17-Year-Old Persons) Amendment Bill in November 2016, the member for Waterford talks about the bill, which ‘will finally transition 17-year-olds from adult correctional facilities—a place they should never have been’, and stated—

At my first Queensland Labor conference removing 17-year-olds from adult prisons was the first motion that I spoke on. It was one of the issues that convinced me to join the Labor Party.

The wannabe leader of the Labor Party in this state—no doubt wants to be a future leader—joined the Labor Party to water down the Youth Justice Act, and there are more quotes. I wish I had more time.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order!

Ms FENTIMAN: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Mr SPEAKER: We have a point of order.

Ms FENTIMAN: I take personal offence at his—

Mr SPEAKER: Wait, wait—

Ms FENTIMAN:—mischaracterisation—

Mr SPEAKER:—I will call you.

Ms FENTIMAN: I thought you did, Mr Speaker.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Waterford.

Ms FENTIMAN: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I take offence at his mischaracterisation of my words and I ask him to withdraw.

Mr SPEAKER: The member has taken personal offence. Minister, I ask that you withdraw.

Mr PURDIE: I do withdraw, if I have misrepresented what was said, and I am sorry—

Opposition members interjected.

Ms FENTIMAN: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Mr SPEAKER: I think I am on to this one. A withdrawal is unqualified. There are not conditions around it.

Mr PURDIE: I withdraw.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr PURDIE: To quote *Hansard*—and I apologise if *Hansard* got it wrong—just to make sure it is accurate—

At my first Queensland Labor conference removing 17-year-olds from adult prisons was the first motion that I spoke on.

Mr de BRENNI: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The apology continues to be qualified and I would ask that the withdrawal be properly unqualified.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! I will just take advice here.

Dr ROWAN: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The police minister has withdrawn, but he is also directly quoting from the document—from *Hansard*.

Mr SPEAKER: Yes, just give me one moment. Minister, the member took personal offence earlier. You withdrew and it then followed along similar lines. She is perfectly entitled to take personal offence. I ask that you withdraw please, and you have 10 seconds left.

Mr PURDIE: Thank you, Mr Speaker; I take your guidance. With 10 seconds to go, the member for Waterford—

Mr SPEAKER: Withdraw.

Mr PURDIE: I withdraw. The member for Waterford wants to be the leader, and I know those opposite do not have an independent thought and cannot vote unless 'Blocker' sends Mick Gatto around—

(Time expired)