Question on Notice No. 1174 Asked on 10 December 2024

Mr N Dametto asked Premier and Minister for Veterans (Hon. D Crisafulli)—

QUESTION:

With reference to males being grossly overrepresented in areas of disadvantage, including but not limited to incarceration rates, suicide rates, substance addiction, and homelessness—

Will the Premier consider establishing a dedicated Ministerial portfolio for Men to help address these significant societal issues similar to what currently exists for women?

ANSWER:

As I am sure the Member will appreciate, the Cabinet was sworn into their portfolio responsibilities on 1 November 2024.

It is my expectation that all members of the Cabinet will treat all Queenslanders with decency and respect. It is also my expectation that all members of the Cabinet will work to improve the lives of all Queenslanders.

The Government was elected to govern for all Queenslanders.

Rather than creating a portfolio for Men, our Government is focussed on tackling the youth crime crisis, the housing crisis, the health crisis and the cost of living crisis which have developed across the past decade.

To this end, we have met our commitment to address these areas in our 100 day plan. I'm pleased to advise our Government has met the commitments that we set for the first week, first month and by the end of 2024. Included in these commitments were:

- Legislating the Making Queensland Safer Laws, including Adult Crime, Adult Time, removing detention as a last resort and putting victims' rights first.
- Instructing Treasury to begin axing the Patients' Tax and abolishing Stamp Duty on new builds for first home buyers.
- Unlocking church and charity-owned land for the Community Housing Sector.
- Instructing Queensland Health to begin the rollout of the LNP's Health Plan.

Our Government looks forward to continuing delivering the remaining commitments due by the 100 day milestone.