

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Asked on 19 February 2025

MS S BOLTON ASKED MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE AND VICTIM SUPPORT AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON L GERBER)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise if the 'Adult Crime, Adult Time' panel's advice for government regarding the operation and effectiveness of the new legislation, will be made available to Parliament and the public as released?

ANSWER:

The Crisafulli Government has appointed an Expert Legal Panel (The Panel) to provide advice on the next stages of reform to Queensland's Youth Justice Act, relevant to Adult Crime, Adult Time.

All five members of the Panel have extensive experience in legal practice, law enforcement or victim support.

As promised to Queenslanders prior to the election, The Panel is tasked with identifying additional and complex offences for inclusion in Adult Crime, Adult Time, as part of the second tranche of Making Queensland Safer Laws.

Panellists are considering important changes to the Youth Justice Act and providing advice to the government on additional offences for inclusion in Adult Crime, Adult Time to assist navigation of these complex laws.

Any advice I receive from the Panel that requires consideration for legislative change will be subject to the provisions of the Queensland Cabinet Handbook.

While it's impossible to eliminate all crime, the rights of victims must always come before the rights of offenders, and we must restore community safety and have fewer victims in Queensland.

The Crisafulli Government will continue to use every avenue to strengthen the previous government's weakened youth crime laws and restore community safety.