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Media Release – Budget for an increase in crime: LAST

Shadow Minister for Police and Corrective Services, Dale Last MP, said Queenslanders should prepare for an increase in property crime after the state budget was released today.

Mr Last said that, while there were increases in funding to Police, the budget documents showed the state government has ‘given up on reducing crime’.

“The budget documents are bad news for Queenslanders and a damning indictment on the Labor government and this incompetent Minister,” Mr Last said. “Even though areas of Queensland have seen a horrific year when it comes to property crime, the Labor government is happy to accept an increase in property offences in the coming financial year.”

“Despite all the tough talk and the hard work done by our Police Officers every day, this Labor government has admitted that they are fighting a losing battle on property crime. That is an admission that many Queenslanders already thought was the truth, but it has now been confirmed in the government’s own budget documents.”

Mr Last said that, on the youth crime front, there was also no reason to hope for improvement.

“Less than a week after we learned that young offenders from Mount Isa were shipped to Townsville due to a lack of facilities, we learn that Labor is cutting the Department of Youth Justice’s capital budget by over 60%,” Mr Last said. “Instead of increasing facilities to help tackle the youth crime epidemic, Labor is reducing the funding that is available and that’s a disgrace.”

“The fight against crime is not receiving the funding it needs, let alone the funding that was promised.”

“In October last year, Minister Ryan and the Member for Thuringowa announced a new Police Station in Kirwan. In the budget, there is less than 1% of the promised commitment and that means it will be years before that facility is completed.”

“Fighting crime is not just about the number of Police on the streets. It’s about them having the resources and facilities they need to do the job and, thanks to Labor, our Police have been sold short and our community can look forward to even more victims of crime.”



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