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Media Release – Records of crime for Darling Downs

January 2022 will go down in the Darling Downs' record books for all the wrong reasons according to Shadow Minister for Police & Corrective Services, Dale Last MP.

Statistics from the Queensland Police Service show that the number of stolen cars in January was higher than any other month since statistics were gathered in 2001.

"The sad truth is that more vehicles were stolen in the Darling Downs Police District in January 2022 than ever before," Mr Last said. "In fact, more than four times the number of vehicles were stolen in January 2022 than when the Labor state government came to power."

"As we have seen in recent days and weeks, our Police, like all emergency services, do their absolute best for our community but, unfortunately, they are not receiving the support and resources they need from the Labor government."

Mr Last said the statistics showed that Labor's claim to be tackling crime was false.

"There are existing laws that are not being used," Mr Last said. "You have to wonder why the Labor state government is not ensuring the powers that are already in place are not being used."

"For example, a parent who does not adequately supervise a child who commits crime can be forced to pay compensation to victims of those crimes under current laws. These powers are not being utilised here on the Darling Downs or in other centres throughout Queensland that are suffering from an increase in crime."

"The LNP members who represent the Darling Downs have called for action in parliament time after time but Labor refuses to even acknowledge the problem. Statistics don't lie and I am sure that people who call the Darling Downs home would feel disappointed to hear that this record has been broken."

"The LNP's approach to crime here on the Darling Downs, and throughout Queensland, is simple. We want to see criminals held to account and, in the case of juvenile offenders, we want to see their parents held to account also if they are not doing their job as parents."



“The LNP will simply not tolerate someone turning a blind eye to crime because regardless of the crime or who commits the crime, there are victims and the LNP will always stand up for those victims.”

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