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## **Media Release – Stats prove recidivist offenders target ALL Queenslanders**

Throughout Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and in cities along the length of Queensland’s coast, recidivist youth offenders are plying their trade according to Shadow Minister for Police & Corrective Services, Dale Last.

In two questions to parliament, Mr Last has uncovered just how many ‘hard core’ youth offenders there are in Queensland and where they were living when they committed their offences, information that has previously not been made available.

“There are 122 areas in nearly every part of Queensland where at least one of the 305 so-called tough nut offenders were based,” Mr Last said. “The people of Queensland deserve to know if their area is on the hit list for these offenders but, until now, they haven’t been able to get the information.”

“The Premier’s own electorate has been affected, so has the Minister for Police’s electorate and the Minister for Children and Youth Justice’s electorate. They are not just letting down the people who elected them, they are also failing people throughout the state.”

Mr Last said he had pursued the information because people living in these areas had a “right to know”.

“One of the main reasons that the youth crime epidemic has escalated is because, until recently, the Labor government denied there was even a problem,” Mr Last said. “Even when they did acknowledge the problem, Labor MP’s like the Member for Thuringowa tried to blame the Judiciary.”

“We’ve already seen the first failure in the GPS monitoring trial but the real problem remains; the Labor government’s soft approach on crime.”

“My message to people is that if they see anything suspicious call Police. By doing that, we give the Police the best chance to put these offenders where they belong; behind bars.”

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