

husband and wife in Cardwell working hard in a cafe: they deserve representation. That is what ticker is.

Ms Pease interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Lytton!

Mr CRISAFULLI: It is about turning up and showing up when the going gets tough.

Ms Pease interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Lytton, you are warned.

Mr CRISAFULLI: I have seen the comments. The Deputy Leader of the Opposition will not confirm if they are running and then he will not confirm backing up the opposition leader after it. I see the political party today. The political party says they are looking for expressions of interest but they will not say whether they are running. The Leader of the Opposition will not even talk about the by-election. Do members know why? It is because he will not turn up and stand on his record because his record is one of higher crime. His record is one of attacking the agricultural industry. His record is one of going to war with the mining industry. The Leader of the Opposition knows that this by-election will not be good for the Leader of the Opposition because he is somebody who North Queenslanders have seen right through. He knows his record and he knows his leadership is hanging by a thread.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: We will have some order before we go any further.

White, Ms C

Ms FENTIMAN: My question is to the Minister for Health. The family of Christine White join us today in the gallery. Why has the minister not personally spoken to or met with Christine White's family after it was first raised with the minister in August?

Mr NICHOLLS: I thank the shadow treasurer for her question. Of course I understand the anguish and the loss being experienced by Christine White's family. The loss of a loved one in a hospital setting is always a cause of those emotions. Recently, as many members in this House know, I experienced that at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital with the loss of my own father. They are difficult times. You search for answers and you ask questions. That is human nature. That is what we do. You seek to improve things for the future. You seek to deliver a better outcome so that what you feel may not happen to someone else in the future. That is what as a government we are trying to do. We are trying to deliver better services and better outcomes.

I have said it in the past and I said it yesterday: the system is not perfect. The system has been under tremendous strain. For 10 years the numbers have got steadily worse. We are working to fix those issues. Whether it is the investment that we announced yesterday into MRIs and CT scanners, whether it is the transit lounges, whether it is securing better pay and conditions for our hardworking clinicians and nurses including those at the Ipswich Hospital, we are investing in our health services so that health outcomes for Queenslanders are better no matter where they are. I say to Christine's family that we have heard you and we are listening to what you have said.

The circumstances surrounding Ms White's admission to the Ipswich Hospital in the late evening on that day are complex. I have seen the material. I cannot disclose it for privacy reasons. They are complex circumstances. The matter has also been referred to the Office of the Health Ombudsman which is also appropriate. The Health Ombudsman is the independent body set up to inquire into matters where there are concerns and allegations raised with respect to the treatment provided to patients. Information about this has been provided to Ms White's family through a variety of means. As I say, I have written to Ms White's family also.

It is appropriate that those independent bodies carry out those investigations. I personally expressed in my correspondence to Mr White on the day that he wrote to me, and the family through Mr White, my condolences on the loss of Christine, of their much beloved mother. That is the appropriate course of action to enable the independent Office of the Health Ombudsman to carry out a proper investigation.

(Time expired)

Regional Queensland, Infrastructure

to the tune of 12 per cent for break and enters, 15 per cent for unlawful use and 12 per cent for robbery. This is working.

We have also expanded Jack's Law. I am happy to advise the House that in the last few months since we expanded Jack's Law and made it permanent the police have seized 344 weapons off the streets of Queensland. That is four weapons a day. We will never know what those weapons could have been used for, but we are sending the backup. We know that when our police call for backup—as they have been—under this government it will arrive because we will turn up and show up for our police and victims across Queensland. The question today is will those opposite turn up for the people of North Queensland at the upcoming by-election.

Mrs Frecklington: Will they show up?

Mr PURDIE: Yes, exactly right. Will they turn up and show up like we are for police across Queensland?

(Time expired)

White, Ms C

Mr WHITING: My question is to the Minister for Health. Can the minister advise why comments made by Christine White's family about her death were hidden from both the minister's and the Premier's Facebook accounts as recently as last night?

Mr NICHOLLS: I thank the member for his question. I am pleased to know that the member follows my Facebook account and the Premier's Facebook account in such minute detail. Obviously, he spends hours trawling over the Facebook pages of his political opponents. Good luck to him, I say, because if you look on those Facebook pages you will see all the good news that is occurring across Queensland as we turn up and as we show up and as we deliver for Queenslanders—unlike those opposite. Members will find that the information on our Facebook pages is accurate as well. That is something else that the member for Bancroft might learn something about.

There are many, many posts made on our Facebook pages. I must confess that I look at some of them but I do not look at all of them. They are a means of communicating information, as would be expected. They are commonplace. I note that the member for Murrumba has a Facebook page and that his Facebook page covers the full spectrum of events that he goes to. The member for Murrumba is often deleting not only comments on his Facebook posts but his own posts themselves. When it comes to deleting Facebook posts, the Leader of the Opposition is the world champion. As recently as only yesterday—as I understand it from reading media reports—he has been forced to delete Facebook posts, misconstruing and misleading Queenslanders, as is his record in this place.

The passing of anyone in our hospitals in any circumstance is far too serious for the cheap political games being played by those opposite. Cheap political stunts that those opposite are using to try to turn distress into political advantage is a disgrace and says far more about those opposite than the hardworking clinicians, paramedics and staff at the Ipswich Hospital whose efforts they seek to denigrate.

(Time expired)

Education System

Mr HUTTON: My question is to the Minister for Education and the Arts.

Mr Bailey interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Just pause. Member for Miller, you are warned. We have silence when a question is being asked; you know that. Member for Keppel, could you start your question again, please.

Mr HUTTON: My question is to the Minister for Education and the Arts. How is the Crisafulli LNP government delivering for students across Queensland, and is the minister aware of any approaches that have not delivered improved outcomes for Queensland school students?

Mr LANGBROEK: I thank the honourable member for the question. I know that he is a proud state school graduate and a proud state school teacher and I know how hard he works as chair of our education committee. As members know, we are delivering for the state's education system across a range of different areas. We have struck an historic agreement with the federal government to ensure that the future of state education will be free and sustainable. We are reducing red tape for teachers so they can focus on students. We are tackling bullying with Behavioural Boost strategies, funding and programs. We are supporting NAPLAN, which those opposite never did. We have already seen

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