1. The member for Southern Downs, Mr Lawrence Springborg MP, introduced the Juvenile Justice (Sentencing Principles) Amendment Bill 2009 as a Private Member’s Bill on 3 June 2009.
2. The Explanatory Notes to the Bill state the purpose of the Bill is to amend the *Juvenile Justice Act 1992* to remove reference to detention as a last resort.
3. Cabinet considered that the removal of the principle of detention as a last resort was unnecessary given the current penalties and appeal mechanisms; that it was inconsistent with international law and most other Australian jurisdictions; that it was not supported by the available evidence; and that the Queensland Government has committed to delivering a range of strong evidence-based responses to more effectively target serious youth crime.
4. Cabinet decided to oppose the Juvenile Justice (Sentencing Principles) Amendment Bill 2009.
5. *Attachments:* Nil.