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TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2017



The Legislative Assembly met at 9.30 am.

Mr Speaker (Hon. Peter Wellington, Nicklin) read prayers and took the chair.

For the sitting week, Mr Speaker acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land upon which this parliament is assembled.

ASSENT TO BILLS



Mr SPEAKER: Honourable members, I have to report that I have received from His Excellency the Governor a letter in respect of assent to certain bills. The contents of the letter will be incorporated in the *Record of Proceedings*. I table the letter for the information of members.

The Honourable P.W. Wellington MP

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Parliament House

George Street

BRISBANE QLD 4000

I hereby acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the following Bills, having been passed by the Legislative Assembly and having been presented for the Royal Assent, were assented to in the name of Her Majesty The Queen on the date shown:

Date of assent: 9 December 2016

"A Bill for an Act to amend the Bail Act 1980, the Child Protection (Offender Reporting) Act 2004, the Corrective Services Act 2006, the Crime and Corruption Act 2001, the Crime and Corruption Regulation 2015, the Criminal Code, the Criminal Law (Criminal Organisations Disruption) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2013, the Criminal Proceeds Confiscation Act 2002, the Disability Services Act 2006, the District Court of Queensland Act 1967, the Drugs Misuse Act 1986, the Evidence Act 1977, the Liquor Act 1992, the Liquor Regulation 2002, the Motor Dealers and Chattel Auctioneers Act 2014, the Peace and Good Behaviour Act 1982, the Peace and Good Behaviour Regulation 2010, the Penalties and Sentences Act 1992, the Penalties and Sentences Regulation 2015, the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000, the Police Powers and Responsibilities Regulation 2012, the Police Service Administration Act 1990, the Racing Act 2002, the Racing Integrity Act 2016, the Second-hand Dealers and Pawnbrokers Act 2003, the Security Providers Act 1993, the State Penalties Enforcement Regulation 2014, the Summary Offences Act 2005, the Tattoo Parlours Act 2013, the Tow Truck Act 1973, the Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994, the Weapons Act 1990 and the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000, to amend the legislation mentioned in schedule 1 and to make a regulation under the Criminal Code, for particular purposes"

"A Bill for an Act relating to industrial relations in Queensland, to repeal the Industrial Relations Act 1999, to amend the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, the Holidays Act 1983, the Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011, the Magistrates Courts Act 1921, the Ombudsman Act 2001, the Public Guardian Act 2014, the Public Service Act 2008, and the Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003, and to amend the Acts mentioned in schedule 6 for particular purposes"

"A Bill for an Act to amend the City of Brisbane Act 2010, the Duties Act 2001, the Land Tax Act 2010, the Local Government Act 2009, the Queensland Plan Act 2014, the Right to Information Act 2009, the Superannuation (State Public Sector) Act 1990, the Taxation Administration Act 2001, the Taxation Administration Regulation 2012, and the Acts mentioned in schedule 1, for particular purposes"

"A Bill for an Act to amend the Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012 and the Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994 for particular purposes"

"A Bill for an Act to establish the Cross River Rail Delivery Authority and to amend this Act, the Economic Development Act 2012 and the Right to Information Act 2009 for particular purposes"

These Bills are hereby transmitted to the Legislative Assembly, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Yours sincerely


Governor

9 December 2016


Tabled paper: Letter, dated 9 December 2016, from His Excellency the Governor to the Speaker, advising of assent to certain bills on 9 December 2016 [\[38\]](#).

SPEAKER'S STATEMENTS

Absence of Member

 **Mr SPEAKER:** Honourable members, I have received advice from the member for Caloundra that he was absent from the House on 2, 9, 29 and 30 November and 1 December 2016. I note the member was a delegate at the 35th CPA Australian and Pacific Regional Conference from 29 November to 1 December. The member's notification complies with standing order 263A(2).


Member for Buderim

 **Mr SPEAKER:** Honourable members, on 18 January 2017 the member for Buderim, Mr Steve Dickson, advised me by letter that he had resigned from the LNP as of 13 January 2017 and now represents the One Nation party. I table a copy of the member's correspondence.

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 18 January 2017, from the member for Buderim, Mr Steve Dickson MP, advising of his resignation from the Liberal National Party on Friday, 13 January 2017 and that he now represents the One Nation party [\[39\]](#).


APPOINTMENT

Panel of Temporary Speakers

 **Mr SPEAKER:** Honourable members, consequent upon the appointment of the member for Ferny Grove as a minister, in accordance with standing order 11 I advise that I have discharged the member from the Panel of Temporary Speakers and appointed the member for Townsville, Mr Scott Stewart, to the panel.


SPEAKER'S STATEMENTS

Debate of Petitions

 **Mr SPEAKER:** Honourable members, on 1 November 2016 the parliament adopted sessional order 2A, which provides that the subject matter of every petition tabled in the House and announced by the Clerk as having been signed by 10,000 or more persons shall be set down on the *Notice Paper* by the Clerk and that the House is to take note of the petition unless the Committee of the Legislative Assembly determines otherwise, as provided by the sessional order. However, the sessional order does not give guidance on whether an e-petition and paper petition with the same wording and timing count as one petition in terms of exceeding the 10,000 signatures.

At its meeting on 29 November 2016, the CLA agreed to trial the approach that a paper petition and an e-petition from the same principal petitioner with the same wording and timing can be considered as one petition in terms of meeting the 10,000-signature requirement to enliven sessional order 2A. On coming to this agreement, the CLA noted that under the standing orders petitioners can sign both a paper and an e-petition on the same matter, thereby potentially resulting in double counting of petitions. The CLA will monitor the issue over time to ensure the process is not being abused. Accordingly, the e-petition and paper petition regarding funding discussions to upgrade the Pacific Motorway M1 from Varsity Lakes to Tugun have been placed on the *Notice Paper* and will be ready for debate this Thursday morning.

Same Question Rule

 **Mr SPEAKER:** Honourable members, I have ordered that a ruling regarding the application of the same question rule to cognate bills be circulated. I seek leave to have the statement incorporated in the parliamentary record.

Leave granted.

SPEAKER'S RULING—APPLICATION OF SAME QUESTION RULE TO COGNATE BILLS

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members,

On 26 May 2016, the Member for Mount Isa introduced the Rural and Regional Adjustment (Development Assistance) Amendment Bill.

On 30 August 2016, the then Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries introduced the Farm Business Debt Mediation Bill. The bill includes matters dealt with in the member for Mount Isa's bill.

Both bills propose to amend the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994* to change the name of the Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority and to expand the Authority's functions.

Standing Order 87(1) provides that unless the Standing Orders otherwise provide, a question or amendment shall not be proposed which is the same as any question which, during the same session, has been resolved in the affirmative or negative. A number of Speaker rulings in relation to this issue have been made in recent years. In summary:

- The matters do not have to be identical, merely the same in substance as the previous matter. In other words, it is a question of substance, not form;
- There is no rule preventing the presentation of two bills on the same subject, or indeed opposite intent. However, if a decision of the House has already been taken on one bill, the other is not to be proceeded upon; and
- An amendment cannot be moved to a bill that has already been moved to another bill and defeated or is substantially the same as a bill that has been defeated.

In this case, both bills deal with the same substance as they both seek to change the name of the Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority and expand the Authority's functions. Whilst both bills propose different names and functions of the Authority, if both bills were passed, they could not stand together. This is because the clauses in each bill that propose name and function changes to the Authority are inconsistent.

Accordingly, I am satisfied that the same question rule is enlivened. Therefore, it is necessary to consider how the bills should be proceeded with. The cognate motion agreed to states the second reading question for the Farm Business Debt Mediation Bill (the government bill) will be put first.

If the government bill passes its second reading, I will immediately make a ruling to discharge the Rural and Regional Adjustment (Development Assistance) Amendment Bill from the Notice Paper on the basis of the same question rule.

As no decisions would have been taken in relation to the clauses of the private member's bill, members would be free to move amendments to the government's bill to give effect to matters contained in the private member's bill.

PRIVILEGE

Speaker's Ruling, Alleged Deliberate Misleading of the House by a Member



Mr SPEAKER: In early December 2016 the Leader of the Opposition and the Premier both wrote to me about an allegation that the member for Cook deliberately misled the parliament in his personal explanation on 27 March 2015. I refer honourable members to a ruling on this matter tabled by me out of session on 13 December 2016. I indicated that I would reissue my ruling on the first sitting day in 2017 to enable any member to move a motion under standing order 269(7) if desired. Therefore, I reissue my ruling that the matter does not warrant the further attention of the House via the Ethics Committee and I will not refer the matter.

The correspondence in relation to this matter, redacted to protect the privacy of the member's ex-partner, was tabled on 13 December 2016. I seek leave to incorporate the ruling previously tabled on 13 December 2016 in the *Record of Proceedings*.

Leave granted.

SPEAKER'S RULING—ALLEGED DELIBERATELY MISLEADING THE HOUSE

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members

On 1 December 2016, the Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Arts and Major Events and Member for Clayfield wrote to me about an allegation that the Member for Cook deliberately misled the Parliament in his Personal Explanation on 27 March 2015 when he stated:

As a result, I have moved to immediately rectify my tax affairs, and I have also ensured that any outstanding Child support payments have been made to my ex-partner so that I can put this issue beyond doubt.

I decided to treat the correspondence from the Leader of the Opposition as a complaint under Standing Order 269 even though it was not expressed to be so.

An almost identical matter was subsequently received from the Premier.

Given the public commentary about this matter, I have decided to deal with this matter expeditiously by way of tabling this ruling outside of the House under Standing Order 31. So as to not diminish the rights of any Member, I will reissue this ruling on the first sitting day in 2017, to enable any Member to move a motion under Standing Order 269(7) if desired.

The allegation referred to the Member for Cook having not rectified his tax affairs, having not filed a tax return since at least June 2014, and having been in arrears of child support payments at the time he made the Personal Explanation and still being in arrears at the time of the allegation.

I sought further information from the Member for Cook about the allegation made against him, in accordance with Standing Order 269(5).

Tax

In respect of the tax matters, the Member for Cook advised that he had engaged an accountant to resolve his outstanding tax matters for the financial years prior to March 2015 the day before making his Personal Explanation.

The Member for Cook provided a letter from his current accountant, which states 'According to the ATO report, Mr Gordon has pending returns to be lodged FY 2015 and FY 2016 Financial Years only'.

The Member for Cook goes on to state that the current outstanding tax returns for the 2015 and 2016 financial years were not within the timeframe of his Personal Explanation.

Based on all the information before me, it appears that the Member for Cook's statement on 27 March 2015 regarding having moved to immediately rectify his tax affairs was not factually or apparently incorrect, as he had engaged an accountant to resolve his outstanding tax matters by the time he had made his Personal Explanation. The Member has, in fact, resolved his tax affairs that were due at the time he made the statement to the House on 27 March 2015 (that is, to the tax year ending 30 June 2014).

The status of the Member's 2015 and 2016 tax returns are a matter for the Australian Tax Office.

Given that the first element cannot be made out, there is no need to examine the second and third elements.

Child support

As regards child support payments, the Member for Cook also advised that he had made a private payment to the ex-partner referred to in his Personal Explanation prior to 27 March 2015 to resolve the outstanding debt as at that date, and that he continues to make child support payments in accordance with an agreement established with the Child Support Agency and his ex-partners.

The Member for Cook provided what appears to be an extract of bank records showing two payments on 24 March 2015 totalling \$5,300. The Member also produced a letter from the Child Support Agency dated 5 December 2016 which confirmed the outstanding debt on 20 March 2015 as \$5,324.15 but that the ex-partner had confirmed on 23 March 2015 a private payment of \$5,300 had been received and which was credited to the child support owed. The Member states the differential amount of \$24.15 between the debt and payment was inadvertent.

Whilst not directly relevant to the question of whether the Member's statement in March 2015 was misleading, the Member for Cook also advises that in April 2015 he arranged with the Child Support Agency (CSA) to have his salary garnisheed to resolve a debt to the mother of his two eldest children, who he states was not the subject of his statement to parliament, and to pay ongoing child support to both ex-partners.

A letter from Mr Peter Morris, Human Resource Manager, Parliamentary Service dated 6 December 2016 confirms that payroll deductions from Mr Gordon's fortnightly salary to the Child Support Agency commenced in the pay due on 1 April 2015 and that following the processing of the most recent pay, paid on 7 December 2016, a total amount of \$96,361.95 has been deducted from Mr Gordon's salary and remitted to the CSA.

On all the information before me, it appears that the Member for Cook's statement on 27 March 2015 that he had ensured that any outstanding child support payments have been made to his ex-partner was substantially correct—excepting a small amount of \$24.15.

Given the evidence from the CSA as to the amounts owing in March 2015 and the evidence of the Member for Cook's payments in March 2015 and the substantial deductions made from his salary since April 2015 we are left to speculate as to the debt apparent from his ex-partner's CSA online statement in November 2016. However, these are matters for the CSA and the parties.

Standing Order 269(4) requires:

In considering whether the matter should be referred to the committee, the Speaker shall take account of the degree of importance of the matter which has been raised and whether an adequate apology or explanation has been made in respect of the matter. No matter should be referred to the ethics committee if the matter is technical or trivial and does not warrant the further attention of the House.

On the evidence before me, I am satisfied that there is insufficient evidence that the Member for Cook deliberately misled the House on 27 March 2015. Indeed, the evidence before me suggests that the Member had acted to rectify his tax affairs and outstanding child support owing to the relevant ex-partner at the time the statement was made. I have, therefore, decided that the matter does not warrant the further attention of the House via the Ethics Committee and I will not be referring the matter.

I table the correspondence in relation to this matter, redacted to protect the privacy of the Member's ex-partner.

APPOINTMENTS

Changes in Ministry




Hon. A PALASZCZUK (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.37 am): I lay upon the table of the House the *Extraordinary Queensland Government Gazettes* of 6 and 10 February 2017, which outline recent changes to the ministry. These changes include the appointment of: the member for South Brisbane as Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning; the member for Mulgrave as Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment; the member for Ashgrove as Minister for Education and Minister for Tourism, Major Events and the Commonwealth Games; the member for Springwood as Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Sport; the member for Ferny Grove as Minister for Local Government and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships; and the member for Gladstone as Assistant Minister for Transport and Infrastructure. I also advise the House that the member for Sandgate remains as Leader of the House. I congratulate all of these members on their appointments.

These appointments reaffirm my government's commitment to Queenslanders to create jobs and opportunities, restore services, deliver our biggest event—the Commonwealth Games in 2018—and attract investment and tourists to our great state of Queensland. I know that they will do a good job for Queensland and help to deliver on my government's commitment to provide strong outcomes for this state.


Tabled paper: Queensland Government Extraordinary Gazette No. 20, dated 6 February 2017, regarding the resignation of the Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games and the appointment of Acting Ministers and Queensland government Extraordinary Gazette No. 25, dated 10 February 2017, regarding the appointment of Ministers and Administrative Arrangements Order (No. 1) 2017 [\[40\]](#).

Opposition

 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (9.38 am): I advise the House of changes to the opposition team and an appointment to the shadow cabinet. On 9 February the member for Maroochydore advised me of her resignation as shadow minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Multicultural Affairs. The member for Maroochydore has made an invaluable contribution to the LNP and will continue to do so. However, she has made the unselfish decision to put her shadow ministerial career on hold to support her father in a most difficult time. The member for Chatsworth, Steve Minnikin, will serve as shadow minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Multicultural Affairs. The member for Gympie, Tony Perrett, will replace Mr Minnikin as Deputy Opposition Whip. I table the amended list of opposition appointments.

Tabled paper: Document, dated 10 February 2017, titled 'LNP Shadow Cabinet—Our Team to get Queensland Moving' [\[41\]](#).

Member for Buderim

 **Mr DICKSON** (Buderim—PHON) (9.39 am): Mr Speaker, further to my letter to you dated 18 January 2017 advising that I had resigned from the LNP on 13 January 2017 and that I now represent the One Nation party, I wish to further advise that on 24 January I was honoured to be announced as the Queensland leader of One Nation.

PETITIONS

The Clerk presented the following paper petition, lodged by the honourable member indicated—

Townsville Central State School, Pedestrian Crossing

Mr Stewart, from 644 petitioners, requesting the House to upgrade the pedestrian crossing situated in front of Townsville Central State School [\[42\]](#).

The Clerk presented the following paper petitions, sponsored by the Clerk—

Bribie Island Road and Spinnaker Drive, Sandstone Point, Intersection

From 158 petitioners, requesting the House to install traffic lights at the intersection of Bribie Island Road and Spinnaker Drive, Sandstone Point [\[43\]](#).

Flaxton Drive, Speed Limit

From 30 petitioners, requesting the House to instruct the speed limit on Flaxton Drive between Mapleton and Montville be lifted back to between 70 and 80 kph [\[44\]](#).

The Clerk presented the following paper and e-petitions, lodged and sponsored by the honourable members indicated—

Redcliffe Peninsula-Moreton Island, Vehicular and Passenger Barge

Hon. D'Ath, from 1,779 petitioners, requesting the House to issue a new Expression of Interest to identify an operator who will establish and provide a reliable vehicular and passenger barge service between the Redcliffe Peninsula and Moreton Island [\[45\]](#), [\[46\]](#).

Fitzgibbon Urban Development Area Development Scheme

Ms Davis, from 779 petitioners, requesting the House to ensure the Government acts according to conventional environmental and planning principles regarding the Fitzgibbon Urban Development Area Development Scheme and allow for proper public consultation, consider the impact on residents and conduct an environmental impact study [\[47\]](#), [\[48\]](#).

Coomera East Shopping Centre, Woolworths Supermarket

Mr Crandon, from 525 petitioners, requesting the House to ensure that the expansion of Woolworths Supermarket at the Coomera East Shopping Centre proceeds in a timely manner [\[49\]](#), [\[50\]](#).

The Clerk presented the following paper and e-petition, sponsored and lodged by the Clerk—

Goomburra Main Range National Park, Exploration Permits

From 807 petitioners, requesting the House to end both Exploration Permits currently located over prime agricultural land near the Goomburra Main Range National Park and ensure that no further Resource Authorities are approved over the area [\[51\]](#), [\[52\]](#).

The Clerk presented the following e-petitions, sponsored by the honourable members indicated—

Currumburra Road-Ashmore Road, Ashmore, U-turn

Mr Langbroek, from 44 petitioners, requesting the House to allow a U-turn whilst traveling southbound on Currumburra Road at the intersection of Ashmore Road, Ashmore [53].

Cairns Central School Site, Park Development

Mr Pyne, from 1,406 petitioners, requesting the House to reacquire the land at 163 Abbott Street, Cairns, an undeveloped portion of the former Cairns Central School site, and replant it as a park and secure, expanded roost area for flying foxes [54].

Fraser Coast Regional Council

Mr Sorensen, from 82 petitioners, requesting the House to release all reports into the Fraser Coast Regional Council since its creation through amalgamation [55].

Buccan, Sharton Avenue, Buccan and Wilson Roads, Urban Footprint

Mr Boothman, from 140 petitioners, requesting the House to include the region of Sharton Avenue, Buccan and Wilson Roads, Buccan in the urban footprint [56].

Tully Coastguard, Radio Installation Mount Mackay

Mr Cripps, from 98 petitioners, requesting the House to direct Ergon Energy to withdraw the requirement for the Tully Coastguard to pay to continue to co-locate its radio installation on top of Mount Mackay [57].

Keith Payne VC Botanical Gardens, Ingham, Flying Fox Colony

Mr Cripps, from 303 petitioners, requesting the House to disperse the flying fox colony occupying the Keith Payne VC Botanical Gardens in Ingham [58].

Abortion Laws

Dr Robinson, from 31,735 petitioners requesting the House to not change current abortion laws [59].

Petitions received.

MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

Sherlock, Mr AF, OBE, OAM



Hon. A PALASZCZUK (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.42 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

1. That this House desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered to this state by the late Alan Frederick Sherlock, a former member of the Parliament of Queensland.
2. That Mr Speaker be requested to convey to the family of the deceased gentleman the above resolution, together with an expression of the sympathy and sorrow of the members of the Parliament of Queensland, in the loss they have sustained.


Alan Frederick Sherlock was born in Rockhampton on 7 June 1938 and educated at the Berserker Street State School and Rockhampton State High School. After graduating from the Queensland College of Pharmacy in 1958 Mr Sherlock enjoyed a long and successful career as a pharmacist. He worked in private practice with his pharmacy business across Queensland from the 1960s. Mr Sherlock also served as a councillor on the board of the Pharmaceutical Society of Queensland and was active in the Queensland branch of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia.

During his life Alan had a long and distinguished involvement with the Scout Association of Australia and was made an honorary life member of the Queensland branch. Notably, Mr Sherlock was Chief Commissioner for Scouts in Queensland from 1981 to 1986. He also served in various positions at a state level in the scouting movement from 1970 and on the national executive. With his strong commitment to young people, I note that Mr Sherlock was chairman of the Queensland International Youth Year in 1985 and a member of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Youth Affairs in 1981. Mr Sherlock was highly recognised for his volunteer work and was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire in 1984. He was also awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in January 2014 for his service to the scouting movement and the community.

Mr Sherlock was an active member of the Liberal Party and contested the seat of Ashgrove at the 1986 state election. He was successful in the election and took his place in this House as the member for Ashgrove, serving one parliamentary term. During his time in parliament Mr Sherlock served as secretary of the parliamentary Liberal Party and was also the Liberal Party's spokesperson on health, youth affairs and ethnic affairs. I also note that during his term Mr Sherlock served on the parliament's printing committee, of which my father was also a member at that time.

Alan Frederick Sherlock passed away on 11 December 2016, aged 78 years. A memorial service to celebrate his life was held at St John's Cathedral, Ann Street, Brisbane on 20 December 2016.

I place on record the government's thanks for Mr Sherlock's years of service to this parliament and, more importantly, to the Queensland community. On behalf of the Queensland government I take this opportunity to extend my sympathy and that of this House to Mr Sherlock's wife, Glenda, and his family who are with us here today.

 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (9.45 am): I rise to add my personal support and that of the entire opposition to the condolence motion moved in respect of the late Alan Frederick Sherlock, the former member for Ashgrove. As the Premier has said, Alan was born in Rockhampton on 7 June 1938 to parents Henry and Anne and attended Berserker Street State School and Rockhampton State High School. Alan graduated from high school and enrolled at the Queensland College of Pharmacy, graduating in 1958. He married Glenda on 30 September 1960 and together they had three sons.

To say that Alan was a community man would be an understatement. His passion towards the scouting movement was unequivocal and unwavering. He was the Jamboree Contingent Leader at the national and international jamborees between 1970 and 1988. He was appointed Branch Commissioner for Extension Scouting—that is, Scouts with disabilities—in 1977, a position that, like everything in his life, he immersed himself in to achieve better outcomes for everyone. He was appointed Chief Commissioner of the Queensland branch of Scouts Australia in 1981, a position that he held until 1986, and in 1984 Alan was appointed as an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for his service to the community and scouting.

He also had a distinguished professional career before turning his attention to the hustle and bustle of state politics. He was elected as the member for Ashgrove in 1986, a position he held until 1989. That is when I first got to know Alan as a then member of the Young Liberals. I knew him for his enthusiasm for the job, his enthusiasm for his community and his love of getting out and about and talking to those in his electorate. He was a fearless and frank campaigner for the Liberal Party and he believed in what it stood for. During his time in parliament he served as the shadow minister for health, youth and ethnic affairs, deputy whip and secretary of the parliamentary Liberal Party.

It is interesting to note that during his maiden speech in this House Alan spoke of his devotion to serving the community, the importance of individual responsibility, the importance of the family unit as the cornerstone of society and the challenges facing an ageing population. Indeed, those are the three great tenets of the LNP, formerly the Liberal Party: the individual, the family and free enterprise. These topics remain as relevant today as they were more than 30 years ago when Alan first spoke of them in this place. Strikingly, Alan concluded his maiden speech by quoting the words of the American poet Josiah Gilbert Holland, who said—

God, give us men! A time like this demands

Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;


Men whom the lust of office does not kill;

Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;

Men who have honour—men who will not lie.

Alan continued his tireless community work long after leaving this House. He was devoted to the Australian Cricket Society, the Lady Musgrave Trust and the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. I mention in passing that I believe Alan was also an enthusiastic supporter of the Former Parliamentary Members Association. He served as the Duke of Edinburgh scheme Queensland chairman between 1996 and 2003 and the national chairman between 2005 and 2008. Alan also served as a member of the Girl Guides Queensland state council and the state executive committee between 2005 and 2008, a movement he supported for the best part of five decades. Alan was a life member of Scouts Australia Queensland branch and in January 2014 was awarded an OAM for service to the scouting movement and to the community. No doubt during his time involved with the Scouts and Girl Guides movements he shaped many young lives.

On behalf of the opposition I support this motion, and we extend our condolences to Alan Sherlock's family—to his widow, Glenda, who is here with us today, and to all of the friends and family of Alan Frederick Sherlock.

 **Hon. KJ JONES** (Ashgrove—ALP) (Minister for Education and Minister for Tourism, Major Events and the Commonwealth Games) (9.50 am): I rise today to pay tribute to Alan Sherlock OBE, OAM and to celebrate his life, his service to the community and his legacy. As members have heard, in 1986 Alan

was elected as the member for Ashgrove in the 45th Parliament and served our local community until 1989. His passion for health, particularly that of Queensland's youth, was largely driven by his 30 years experience as a private practice pharmacist. The medical facilities he established during the 1960s in and around The Gap remain to this day. Alan's desire to improve the lives of young people was a constant theme in his community work. He was deeply involved in the scouting movement including grassroots local activities and, as has been said today, as Queensland's Chief Commissioner.

I first met Alan when I was 18 years old, when I was handing out how-to-vote cards for the Labor Party. Even though we were from different sides of the political fence, he was always very kind and encouraging to me—a true gentleman. Alan told me many times that, while we might vigorously debate different issues during election campaigns, we must always come together afterwards in the best interests of our local community. I have always admired him for that.

The last opportunity I had to speak with Alan was when he dropped into my electorate office, as he regularly did, late last year. We chatted about his grandchildren and his wife, and he told me that his illness had returned. After a long fight with leukaemia, Alan passed away just before Christmas. Alan was immensely proud of the work he did in our community, and there can be no doubt that this passion improved the lives of thousands of people around him.

I would like to take a moment to recognise Alan's wife, Glenda, who is here today. They were married for 56 years. She is joined by their bridesmaid Heather Gerard and good family friend Craig Ray, a strong local identity in our community. Glenda, thank you for the contribution you have made to our community. You have been extraordinarily graceful, particularly in what must continue to be a difficult time for you and your family. I hope that the outpouring of support from our community has provided some measure of comfort.

I was honoured to attend Alan's funeral and to see St John's Cathedral overflowing with the hundreds of people from all walks of life who were touched by Alan. The community that I am privileged to represent will not forget Alan Sherlock and his service. We will remember his time as a friendly pharmacist, as an advocate for young people and as a dedicated representative of our community. I am proud to have known Alan. May he rest in peace.

Whereupon honourable members stood in silence.

Mr SPEAKER: I propose that question time this morning will commence at 10.40.

TABLED PAPERS

PAPERS TABLED DURING THE RECESS

The Clerk informed the House that the following papers, received during the recess, were tabled on the dates indicated—

2 December 2016—

- [2244](#) Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts Pty Ltd Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2016
- [2245](#) Transportation and Utilities Committee: Report No. 32, 55th Parliament—Auditor-General Report 20: 2015-16 Heavy vehicle road access reforms
- [2246](#) Education, Tourism, Innovation and Small Business Committee: Report No. 26, 55th Parliament—Subordinate Legislation tabled from 14 September to 11 October 2016
- [2247](#) The Queensland Plan Annual Progress Report 2015-16
- [2248](#) Report on the administration of the Nature Conservation Act 1992 (reporting period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016)
- [2249](#) Coordinator-General: Annual report to Parliament on non-resident workers in Gladstone and the Bowen and Surat Basins
- [2250](#) Response from the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety, Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply (Hon. Bailey) to a paper petition (2659-16) presented by Mrs Frecklington, from 397 petitioners, requesting the House to begin the 80km/h speed limit on the D'Aguilar Highway at approximately 500 metres west of the Kilcoy-Somerset Road intersection, adjoining the 80 km/h section currently in place into Kilcoy
- [2251](#) Response from the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety, Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply (Hon. Bailey) to a paper petition (2660-16) and an ePetition (2622-16) presented by Mr Krause, from 626 and 1,062 petitioners respectively, requesting the House to fast track the upgrade of the Mount Lindesay Highway to four lanes to Jimboomba and to plan for four lanes from Beaudesert

7 December 2016—

- [2252](#) Education and Care Services Ombudsman, National Education and Care Services Privacy and Freedom of Information Commissioners—Annual Report 2015-16

8 December 2016—

- [2253](#) Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee: Report No. 39, 55th Parliament—Subordinate legislation tabled between 14 September 2016 and 11 October 2016

[2254](#) Crime and Corruption Commission: Fraud prevention or fraud risk? A report on an investigation into the Queensland Police Service's Project Synergy, December 2016

[2255](#) Response from the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety, Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply (Hon. Bailey) to an ePetition (2606-16): Sponsored by the Member for Redlands, Mr McEachan, from 59 petitioners, requesting the House to prioritise funding for the installation of flashing school zone lights at Russell Island State School

12 December 2016—

[2256](#) Crime and Corruption Commission: Publicising allegations of corrupt conduct: Is it in the public interest? Final Report, December 2016

[2257](#) Supreme Court of Queensland—Annual Report 2015-16

[2258](#) Childrens Court of Queensland—Annual Report 2015-16

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[2259](#) Magistrates Courts of Queensland—Annual Report 2015-16

[2260](#) Ruling by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Hon. Peter Wellington, regarding an alleged deliberate misleading of the House by the Member for Cook

[2261](#) Mid Year Fiscal and Economic Review 2016-17

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[2262](#) Auditor-General of Queensland: Report to Parliament No. 7: 2016-17—Water: 2015-16 results of financial audits

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[2263](#) National Heavy Vehicle Regulator—Annual Report 2015-16

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[2264](#) Auditor-General of Queensland: Report to Parliament No. 8: 2016-17—Queensland state government: 2015-16 results of financial audits

[2265](#) Finance and Administration Committee: Report No. 35, 55th Parliament—Inquiry into how to improve health and safety outcomes for combat sports contestants in high risk and amateur contests in Queensland

[2266](#) Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal: Minor amendments to the Queensland allowances system, Determination 13/2016, 16 December 2016

[2267](#) Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency—Annual Report 2015-16

[2268](#) Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee: Report No. 31, 55th Parliament—Inquiry into the performance of the Health Ombudsman's functions pursuant to section 179 of the Health Ombudsman Act 2013

[2269](#) Overseas Travel Report: Report on a Trade and Investment Mission to Japan by the Premier and Minister for the Arts (Hon. Palaszczuk), 13-18 November 2016

[2270](#) Twenty-Ninth Report on the Register of Members' Interests

[2271](#) Criminal Organisation Public Interest Monitor—Annual Report 2015-16

[2272](#) Overseas Travel Report: Report on a Trade and Investment Mission to People's Republic of China and Hong Kong by the Deputy Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade and Investment (Hon. Trad), 20-26 November 2016

[2273](#) Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee: Report No. 97—Review of the Crime and Corruption Commission, government response

[2274](#) Overseas Travel Report: Report on an official visit to China by the Minister for Education and Minister for Tourism and Major Events (Hon. Jones), 16-19 November 2016

3 January 2017—

[1](#) Replacement answer to Question on Notice No. 1 asked by the Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee during its consideration of the 2016/2017 portfolio budget estimates to the Minister for Housing and Public Works (Hon. Mick de Brenni)

[2](#) Mental Health Review Tribunal—Annual Report 2015-16

[3](#) Response from the Acting Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Acting Minister for Trade and Investment (Hon. Dr Miles) to a paper petition (2674-16) presented by the Clerk in accordance with Standing Order 119(3), from 131 petitioners, requesting the House to make Catherine Street at the Tolga State Primary School a one-way street

[4](#) Response from the Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef (Hon. Dr Miles) to a paper petition (2668-16) presented by Mr Powell, and an ePetition (2650-16) sponsored by Mr Powell, from 1,146 and 774 petitioners respectively, requesting the House to carry out whatever repairs are necessary to the Gantry building at Mt Mee so it can once again be opened to the public and to also establish an on-site display recording the history of the Mt Mee Sawmill

[5](#) Response from the Minister for State Development and Minister for Natural Resources and Mines (Hon. Dr Lynham) to a paper petition (2673-16) presented by the Clerk in accordance with Standing Order 119(3), from 780 petitioners, requesting the House to recognise that the development of an open-cut coal mine so close to Kingaroy is not economically or socially viable and to not grant Moreton Resources the required mining licences and permission for the mine to proceed

- [6](#) Response from the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills (Hon. D'Ath) to an ePetition (2625-16) sponsored by Ms Bates, from 2,077 petitioners, requesting the House to consider amendments to the Criminal Code 340(2AA) to provide for a minimum mandatory sentence of six months (6) for assault of a public officer
- [7](#) Response from the Acting Attorney-General and Acting Minister for Justice and Acting Minister for Training and Skills (Hon. Dr Lynham) to a paper petition (2675-16) presented by the Clerk in accordance with Standing Order 119(3), and an ePetition (2654-16) sponsored by the Clerk in accordance with Standing Order 119(4) from 951 and 5,994 petitioners respectively, requesting the House to place a street curfew on juveniles in the Townsville area, who are 16 years of age and under, between the hours of 11pm and 5am unless accompanied by an adult/parent/guardian, or have a valid reason
- [8](#) Response from the Acting Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries and Acting Minister for Rural Economic Development (Hon. Dr Lynham) to a paper petition (2671-16) presented by Mr Knuth, from 67 petitioners, requesting the House to research and develop a long-term management solution into Navua Sedge; establish a Navua Sedge pilot program on the Atherton Tablelands and continue spraying roadsides and verges at the minimum rate of five per year
- [9](#) Response from the Minister for Education and Minister for Tourism and Major Events (Hon. Jones) to an ePetition (2651-16) sponsored by Dr Robinson, from 2,383 petitioners, requesting the House to ensure the construction of a multi-purpose hall for the Cleveland District State High School
- [10](#) Administrator National Health Funding Pool—Annual Report 2015-16
- [11](#) Agriculture and Environment Committee: Report No. 29, 55th Parliament—Review of the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme
- [12](#) Agriculture and Environment Committee: Report No. 30, 55th Parliament—Subordinate legislation tabled 14 September-11 October 2016
- [13](#) Response from the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety, Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply (Hon. Bailey) to an ePetition (2611-16) sponsored by Mr Furner, from 1,762 requesting the House to call on the Federal Government to re-open the Wanimo Street gate and stop adding needless traffic to our roads. Let people spend more time with their families and less time sitting in traffic on Samford Road
- [14](#) Response from the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety, Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply (Hon. Bailey) to a paper petition (2666-16) presented by Mr Harper, from 52 petitioners, requesting the House to upgrade the dangerous intersection of Rangewood Drive and Hervey Range Road
- [15](#) Response from the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety, Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply (Hon. Bailey) to a paper petition (2667-16) presented by Mr Powell, and an ePetition (2644-16) sponsored by Mr Powell, from 83 and 102 petitioners respectively, requesting the House to immediately commission planning, funding and construction of safety upgrades for the intersection of Kilcoy-Beerwah Road and Old Gympie Road, Beerwah
- [16](#) Response from the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety, Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply (Hon. Bailey) to a paper petition (2669-16) presented by Mrs Stuckey, and an ePetition (2640-16) sponsored by Mrs Stuckey, from 6,316 and 4,037 petitioners respectively, requesting the House to ensure that the M1 from Varsity Lakes to Tugun is included in current funding discussions to upgrade this major road infrastructure and to provide a business case to obtain firm costings for this section
- [17](#) Response from the Deputy Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade and Investment (Hon. Trad) to a paper petition (2672-16) presented by the Clerk in accordance with Standing Order 119(3), and an ePetition (2655-16) sponsored by the Clerk in accordance with Standing Order 119(4), from 1,192 and 373 petitioners respectively, requesting the House to ensure a genuine consultation process with residents directly affected by the development plans for the Fitzgibbon Urban Development Area Development Scheme

4 January 2017—

- [18](#) Trade and Investment Queensland—Annual Report 2015-16
- [19](#) Response from the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services (Hon. Ryan) to an ePetition (2594-16) presented by Mr Springborg, from 4,857 petitioners, requesting the House to make Category D weapons available to sporting shooters to be owned, stored and operated by approved individuals to compete in club organised competitions

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- [20](#) President of the Industrial Court of Queensland (in respect of the Industrial Court of Queensland, Queensland Industrial Relations Commission and the Queensland Industrial Registry)—Annual Report 2015-16

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- [21](#) Auditor-General of Queensland: Report to Parliament No. 1: 2016-17—Strategic procurement: Erratum
- [22](#) Inspector-General of Emergency Management: Report 1: 2016-17, Review of capability at a district and local level: Mackay disaster district

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- [23](#) Department of Environment and Heritage Protection: Queensland State of the Environment Report 2015
- [24](#) Agriculture and Environment Committee: Report No. 24, 55th Parliament—Hendra virus EquiVac® vaccine and its use by veterinary surgeons in Queensland, interim government response

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- [25](#) Family Responsibilities Commission—Annual Report 2015-16

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- [26](#) Auditor-General of Queensland: Report to Parliament No. 9: 2016-17—Hospital and Health Services: 2015-16 results of financial audits

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- [27](#) Transportation and Utilities Committee: Report No. 33, 55th Parliament—Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016

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- [28](#) Education and Care Services National Amendment Regulations 2016 made by the Education Council under sections 301 and 324 of the Education and Care Services National Law as applied by the law of the States and Territories
- [29](#) Finance and Administration Committee: Report No. 36, 55th Parliament—Portfolio subordinate legislation tabled between 30 August and 11 October 2016

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- [30](#) Queensland Rail Train Crewing Practices Commission of Inquiry: Final Report
- [31](#) Queensland Rail Train Crewing Practices Commission of Inquiry: Final Report, government response

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- [32](#) Murray-Darling Basin Authority—Annual Report 2015-16

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- [33](#) Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee: Report No. 32, 55th Parliament—Subordinate legislation tabled from 30 August to 11 October 2016
- [34](#) National Health Practitioner Ombudsman and Privacy Commissioner—Annual Report 2015-16

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- [35](#) Auditor-General of Queensland: Report to Parliament No. 10: 2016-17—Efficient and effective use of high value medical equipment

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- [36](#) Queen's Wharf Brisbane Act 2016: Queen's Wharf Brisbane (Leasehold Land) Declaration 2017, No. 9
- [37](#) Queen's Wharf Brisbane Act 2016: Queen's Wharf Brisbane (Leasehold Land) Declaration 2017, No. 9, explanatory notes

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- [61](#) Water Regulation 2016, No. 216, explanatory notes

City of Brisbane Act 2010, Local Government Act 2009—

- [62](#) Local Government Legislation (Significant Business Activity Thresholds and Another Matter) Amendment Regulation 2016, No. 217
- [63](#) Local Government Legislation (Significant Business Activity Thresholds and Another Matter) Amendment Regulation 2016, No. 217, explanatory notes

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- [64](#) Economic Development (Vegetation Management) (Prescribed PDAs) Amendment By-law 2016, No. 218
- [65](#) Economic Development (Vegetation Management) (Prescribed PDAs) Amendment By-law 2016, No. 218, explanatory notes

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- [66](#) Liquor (Local Board for Brisbane CBD Safe Night Precinct) Amendment Regulation 2016, No. 219
- [67](#) Liquor (Local Board for Brisbane CBD Safe Night Precinct) Amendment Regulation 2016, No. 219, explanatory notes

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- [68](#) Public Records Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2016, No. 220
- [69](#) Public Records Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2016, No. 220, explanatory notes

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- [70](#) Building Fire Safety (Domestic Smoke Alarms) Legislation Amendment Regulation 2016, No. 221
- [71](#) Building Fire Safety (Domestic Smoke Alarms) Legislation Amendment Regulation 2016, No. 221, explanatory notes

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- [72](#) Queensland Building and Construction Commission (Calculation of Insurable Value) Amendment Regulation 2016, No. 222
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- [80](#) Proclamation commencing remaining provisions, No. 226
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- [86](#) Work Health and Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2016, No. 229
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- [98](#) Forestry and Nature Conservation Legislation (Beerwah and Mooloolah River) Amendment Regulation 2016, No. 235
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COMMITTEE PAPER

The following committee paper was tabled by the Clerk—

Deputy Chair, Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee (Mr Crandon)—

[138](#) Office of the Information Commissioner: Report No. 4 of 2016-17: Compliance Review—Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service: Review of the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service's compliance with the Right to Information Act 2009 (Qld) and the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld)

MEMBERS' PAPERS

The following members' papers were tabled by the Clerk—

Member for Bulimba (Ms Farmer)—

[139](#) Overseas Travel Report: Report on a visit to London by the Member for Bulimba (Ms Farmer) to attend the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Westminster Seminar, 21-25 November 2016

Member for Caloundra (Mr McArdle) and Member for Sunnybank (Mr Russo)—

[140](#) Overseas Travel Report: Report on a visit to Rarotonga, Cook Islands, by the Member for Sunnybank (Mr Russo) and the Member for Caloundra (Mr McArdle) to attend the 35th CPA Australia and Pacific Regional Conference, 27-30 November 2016

Member for Noosa (Mr Elmes)—

[141](#) Overseas Travel Report: Report on a visit to the Republic of Mauritius by the Member for Noosa (Mr Elmes) to deliver workshops on live broadcasting of parliamentary proceedings as part of a Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Technical Assistance Program for the National Assembly of Mauritius, 12-14 December 2016

Member for Keppel (Mrs Lauga)—

[142](#) Overseas Travel Report: Report on a visit to London by the Member for Keppel (Mrs Lauga) to attend the 62nd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference and the 5th Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Conference, 11-17 December 2016

Member for Pumicestone (Mr Williams)—

[143](#) Nonconforming petition regarding abortion legislation before the House

Member for Moggill (Dr Rowan)—

[144](#) Nonconforming petition regarding abortion legislation before the House

REPORT BY THE CLERK

The following report was tabled by the Clerk—

[145](#) Report pursuant to Standing Order 165 (Clerical errors or formal changes to any Bill) detailing amendments to certain Bills, made by the Clerk, prior to assent by His Excellency the Governor, viz—

Industrial Relations Bill 2016

Amendments made to Bill *

Clause 1037 (Provision for old s 428 (Organisation must have complying rules))—

At page 669, line 14—

Omit—

'chapter, 12'

Insert—

'chapter 12'.

Clause 1127 (Amendment of s 193 (Appeals))

At page 703, line 12—

Omit—

'449of'


Insert—

'449 of'.

* The following page and line number references relate to the Bill, as introduced.


MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

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 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.55 am): I was saddened to hear the news yesterday that Carol Lloyd had passed away. She was a family friend and an inspiration to me. I admired her and I will miss her. Carol remained positive during her illness. She was brave. She was funny. She was warm.

Carol was a trailblazer in rock'n'roll, and she was passionate about encouraging the next generation of musicians. Last year my government announced it was supporting the Carol Lloyd Award to be presented to an emerging female singer/songwriter who either was born in or resides in Queensland. Her memory will be celebrated through this award. Goodbye, Ruby Tuesday.

Palaszczuk Labor Government, Achievements

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.55 am): My government listens and delivers to Queenslanders. My government keeps its commitments and honours its promises. Today, two years after we formally took office, I am pleased to report that we have made significant progress to deliver on our 553 commitments to the people of Queensland. Today I table the progress report that shows 106 commitments have now been delivered, bringing the total number of election commitments delivered to 442. That is 80 per cent of our commitments delivered 66 per cent of the way through a three-year term.

Tabled paper: Queensland Government: Progress Report on Government Election Commitments [\[146\]](#).

We stopped the LNP sale of assets. We are restoring front-line services. Two years ago Queenslanders told us that they wanted front-line services restored. Between March 2015 and September 2016 we have appointed more than 2,390 new nurses, 770 new doctors, 1,990 new teachers, 990 new teacher aides and more than 250 new police officers. We have announced 129 new child safety positions, in addition to the 166 employed over the last two years, to help rebuild our Child Safety Services workforce. This contrasts to the 225 positions cut by the LNP. Nine out of every 10 public servants are now employed in front-line services and front-line support roles.

We have allocated more than \$1 billion to attract investment and create jobs in regional Queensland. Programs including the Jobs and Regional Growth Fund, Building our Regions, Works for Queensland, Back to Work, Youth Boost, the Accelerated Works Program and the Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program are all focused on creating regional jobs. In terms of Back to Work, I can announce today that 1,557 people are now in jobs in regional Queensland thanks to this program alone. Another 300 applications are pending assessment. Significantly, 541 of the Queenslanders assisted through Back to Work were long-term unemployed. They had been out of the workforce for at least 12 months. Now they have work. There is dignity in work.

We have restored Skilling Queenslanders for Work to get people job-ready. The LNP cut this program, despite independent analysis finding that, of 57,000 people to gain employment through the program, 8,500 would not have otherwise gained employment. Our \$405 million Advance Queensland program, which is focused on diversifying our economy after the resources boom, is supporting innovation and creating new jobs by backing Queensland's best and brightest and attracting new companies here to Queensland.

Last week I joined the Treasurer and the Minister for Education and the member for Barron River to meet the students at Cairns State Special School. This school was promised by previous governments, but it was my government that delivered it. Anyone can complain or point to problems, but only my team is delivering. Only my team offers stability in this state. I am proud of my government's—

Opposition members interjected.

Ms PALASZCZUK: There is their member over there!

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you. I call the Premier.

A government member: LNP-One Nation coalition!

Ms PALASZCZUK: It is Valentine's Day! I am proud of my government's drive to modernise Queensland to help create a safer, fairer and more equal society and to deliver on our election commitments. Two years ago I made a commitment to unite Queenslanders, not to divide us, and I

recommit to that today. I can assure the House that we will continue to work closely with all Queenslanders to create jobs and deliver front-line services that they need and to deliver economic growth and build safe, caring and connected communities.

Retail Trading Hours, Review



Hon. A PALASZCZUK (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (10.00 am): The trading hours review, chaired by former Queensland parliament Speaker Mr John Mickel, is the first major study of shop trading hours in 20 years. It has recommended that we implement some broad changes. The review had considered a wide range of submissions from consumers, workers and business owners. The Mickel inquiry did not find support for the total deregulation of trading hours in Queensland. However, the report's recommendations seek to broaden and simplify allowable trading hours while ensuring important protections for retail workers. The review found that the current patchwork of trading hours across the state is unnecessarily complex to navigate and causes confusion for retailers and consumers. We must cut needless red tape and ease the regulatory burden for retailers to create jobs in this state. The review makes it clear that the current regulations do not adequately reflect Queenslanders' contemporary shopping and leisure preferences and detracts from our state's appeal as a tourist destination.

The retail trade sector is the state's second largest employer, with a 255,000 workforce and a \$9.9 billion payroll. A third of all retail industry employees are aged between 15 and 24 years, making it the second highest employer of our young people after accommodation and food services. Modernising our retail trading hours will be a major boost to jobs right across-the-board in this sector, but my government will ensure that any changes do not negatively impact on the family lives of retail workers. My government can do this because we can work together—work together with employers and their representatives and work with employees and their representatives. Working together we can achieve great things for this state. No business will be compelled to open longer hours, but they will have a choice to do so. They will not be dictated to by government what they can sell and when they can sell it. This is a major economic reform for Queensland. This unlocks more of Queensland's potential and will ensure that we work with employers to drive down our unemployment rate even further.

Mr BLEIJIE: I rise to a point of order. The Premier spoke about the trading hours review. She said 'the review found' and 'the review makes it clear'. I ask the Premier to table the review that she is talking about so we can all be clear on what the Premier says is contained in the review and its recommendations.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Kawana, if you want to proceed with your sentiments, I invite you to move the appropriate motion at the appropriate time.

Palaszczuk Labor Government, Achievements; Queensland Rail



Hon. JA TRAD (South Brisbane—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning) (10.03 am): In the two years since the Palaszczuk Labor government was sworn in, we have achieved a lot in planning and infrastructure. We have delivered the first State Infrastructure Plan after more than three years without one from those opposite, and we have backed it up with a \$2 billion State Infrastructure Fund. Our State Infrastructure Fund is delivering more infrastructure sooner, especially in regional Queensland.

Mrs Frecklington: Where?

Ms TRAD: It means more roads, more bridges—

Mr SPEAKER: Deputy Leader of the Opposition, you are asking, 'Where?' If you listen to the Deputy Premier, you will hear her response.

Ms TRAD: Thank you, Mr Speaker. That just points to the fact that she has not been in regional Queensland if she is asking that question. This means more roads, more bridges, more rail upgrades and more community infrastructure driving jobs, economic productivity and community wellbeing. Most recently we have begun rolling out our new Works for Queensland program—a \$200 million targeted program to regional areas with high unemployment. This means more jobs where Queenslanders need them the most.

We have also earmarked \$850 million for Cross River Rail—our No. 1 infrastructure priority. This is more than any other government has provided to Cross River Rail before. Cross River Rail will transform the transport network across South-East Queensland by removing a bottleneck across the

Brisbane River, taking commuters home faster and creating thousands of construction jobs—and we have locked in federal support from the Turnbull government for this vital project through the signing of an MOU late last year. We have established Building Queensland to provide independent expert advice on major infrastructure projects, ensuring the best bang for taxpayer dollars. We have passed new planning laws to streamline development and jobs without compromising the community's right to have a say. We have delivered a new South East Queensland Regional Plan to provide a 50-year vision for the region—a project that was in the too-hard basket under those opposite. We have joined with the federal government and Townsville City Council to deliver Australia's first City Deals. The Townsville City Deal is focused on job creation, economic growth and investment in local infrastructure. In the past two years we have made a real difference to Queensland communities, delivering a stronger economy, more jobs and a better lifestyle.

Last week the Premier released the Strachan commission of inquiry report into train crewing practices at Queensland Rail. The report lays bare problems at the heart of Queensland Rail and exposes critical management failures. It is now clear that there was a culture of complacency at Queensland Rail and a reluctance to share bad news. Queensland Rail failed to do basic planning. As demand for passenger rail services grew, QR was careering towards a major driver shortage and critical reports were not escalated.

While the report is a damning indictment on management practices at Queensland Rail, it also serves as a blueprint to rebuild for the future. The problems that led to driver shortages were many years in the making, but as transport minister I am absolutely committed to fixing the trains. That is why we have accepted all 36 recommendations made by the commission of inquiry in full. We are 100 per cent committed to boosting train crew numbers, including through external recruitment and restoring services to the travelling public. From Gympie North to the Gold Coast, our Citytrain service is the backbone of our transport network for thousands of Queenslanders. It is how they get to work and it is how they access critical services. I want to reassure those commuters that while there is no easy fix I am determined and the Palaszczuk Labor government is determined to get Queensland Rail back on track. Commuters deserve better, which is why as minister I plan to get on with the job of implementing each and every one of the recommendations from the Strachan inquiry, driving Queensland Rail to deliver a better passenger service.

The people of Queensland deserve a rail service that is reliable, a rail service that makes their lives easier and a rail service they can trust. That is why we have a clear plan to reform Queensland Rail and fix our trains. Queensland Rail has been instructed to provide the government with a high-level response plan within 30 days. We have also appointed a new chair, Mr Phillip Strachan, and Queensland Rail is in the final stages of appointing a new CEO. We have established a Citytrain Response Unit to report on the implementation of all 36 recommendations made by the Strachan inquiry. This watchdog will also lead a review into the governance, legislative framework and structure of passenger rail service delivery in Queensland. We will fix the trains.

Honourable members interjected.

Ms TRAD: Yes. I make it absolutely clear that it will take time. As it did in terms of getting to the mess that we are currently in, it will take time to fix it, but we are determined to fix it. As minister, I will strive every day to make Queensland Rail the best performing railway in Australia because, quite frankly, that is my expectation, that is the Premier's expectation and that is the expectation of Queenslanders. As I work to achieve this, I will always be honest and up-front with commuters. I will push Queensland Rail to deliver better services to the people of Queensland.

Finally, I want to thank all of the front-line staff at Queensland Rail who have been working diligently behind the scenes to deliver services in challenging times. Let us not forget the 1,700 positions that were cut under the LNP government's watch, including that of tutor drivers. I also want to thank Mr Strachan and his team for their work in preparing a clear blueprint for the future. Now that the report has been released, this government is getting on with the job of fixing our trains for Queenslanders.

Queensland Economy



Hon. CW PITT (Mulgrave—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment) (10.10 am): I am very proud to be part of this government, which is delivering for Queenslanders on this our second anniversary of being sworn in as a government. Today marks two years since we came to office. When we assumed office, we inherited a Queensland economy that was experiencing weak economic growth—the end result for the year 2014-15 was just 0.8 per cent—and a job market that was faced increasing unemployment at 6.6 per cent, up from 5.5 per cent when Labor last office in 2012.

Our positive economic plan is delivering higher economic growth, with gross state product up to 3.2 per cent, unemployment down to six per cent and debt lower on every measure that it was forecast to be under the previous government. In the midyear fiscal and economic review in December we revised upwards the expected surplus for 2016-17 to more than \$2 billion. This is the largest surplus in a decade. Confidence and belief in the opportunities that this great state of Queensland has to offer are back. The Deloitte Access Economics *Investment monitor* shows that the pipeline of major projects in Queensland is \$152.2 billion ahead of those of New South Wales and Victoria. We are backing large projects with economic benefits, including the \$250 million North Queensland stadium, the \$512 million Logan Motorway Enhancement Project and the \$420 million Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 2. We are also supporting the \$3 billion Queen's Wharf development and, of course, there was the announcement last year of the \$1.1 billion Herston Quarter redevelopment and health precinct.

One of the proudest achievements of this government is keeping our revenue-generating assets and their revenue streams in public ownership. I cannot stress that enough. It is something of which all of us can indeed be proud. The merger of the Energex and Ergon entities into Energy Queensland is forecast to achieve savings of around \$680 million by 30 June 2020—another win for Queensland taxpayers.

This government is about implementing the right policies to work with the private sector to drive the economy and job creation across all regions of Queensland. Our \$130 million Jobs and Regional Growth Fund is aimed at partnering with the private sector to drive investment and jobs. This fund is on top of the \$375 million going into Building Our Regions, the \$200 million Works for Queensland program in partnership with our local councils, the \$180 million for the Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program, which is part of the State Infrastructure Fund with the Deputy Premier; and the \$100 million Back to Work job creation program, which has been boosted over the summer to give \$20,000 to those people who hire a young person aged between 15 and 24 before the end of February.

I am also proud to have assumed the Trade and Investment portfolio responsibilities, particularly on the back of the news of record trade data. The value of exports increased by 7.9 per cent from a year earlier to \$52.7 billion in 2016, with December being our best month ever. However, we know that we need to create more jobs and economic security for Queenslanders. That is why Trade and Investment Queensland, our global business attraction and advisory agency, is working on a comprehensive trade and investment strategy to position the state as the most innovative and dynamic trading economy in Australia.

All of these achievements show that the Palaszczuk government is committed to being economically responsible and fiscally responsible. As Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment, I look forward to further strengthening our economy and, of course, delivering opportunities for Queenslanders to better their lives no matter where they live.

Queensland Health



Hon. CR DICK (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (10.14 am): The last two years have been a period of significant achievement in Queensland Health, where prudent and judicious management has allowed us to deliver falling waiting lists and a financial surplus across the system while meeting the challenges of rising demand. Last year, I launched our government's \$361 million Specialist Outpatient Strategy. When we came to office, there were over 100,000 Queenslanders waiting longer than clinically recommended for a specialist outpatient appointment. I am delighted to say that, today, that number is under 60,000—an improvement of over 40 per cent. It should never be forgotten that those 100,000 Queenslanders were left behind by the LNP. I acknowledge that having more people access specialist appointments increases pressure on our elective surgery theatres. It is a significant achievement that these lists have remained stable, that we are continuing to meet our budget performance targets for elective surgery and that, at 29 days, we continue to lead the country in median waiting times.

I have long held the belief that, if you want to improve health outcomes, you invest in the front line of health care. That is why the Palaszczuk government has legislated nurse-to-patient ratios in our public hospitals. That is why the Palaszczuk government increased the number of nurses and midwives by over 3,000 on a full-time-equivalent basis. Earlier this month, I announced a record intake of over 1,100 new nurses and midwives, who will begin their careers in nursing and midwifery in the coming weeks as part of our 2017 graduate intake.


We are enhancing the patient and staff experience with new or refurbished clinics throughout Queensland through our \$1.4 billion capital works program. I salute the team that has worked so hard on getting the Sunshine Coast university hospital ready to start receiving patients as early as next

month. That team has had an absolute commitment to patient safety in commissioning that hospital—a team that is determined to learn the lessons from the botched opening of the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital, part of the legacy of Campbell Newman and the Leader of the Opposition.

In December, I launched Australia's first Sexual Health Strategy. The strategy includes \$5.3 million to support key priority areas. Today, I announce that that funding will be used to support better education, syphilis surveillance and psychological services. Funding will go to important initiatives such as enhancing the Metro North Hospital and Health Service's syphilis surveillance program and enhancing the availability of sexual health testing in places such as the Gold Coast, Townsville and the Wide Bay. This is an important investment after the cuts to Indigenous sexual health services implemented by the Newman government, which coincided with a rise in notifications of sexually transmissible infections.

It is widely understood that Health is a portfolio that never rests. I am under no illusion about the challenges that lie ahead, particularly in the context of the Turnbull coalition government's determination to walk away from its responsibility to contribute its fair share of funding to Queensland's public health system. However, I can affirm that the Palaszczuk Labor government is determined to build on what it has achieved over the past two years as it continues to work towards its goal of making Queenslanders among the healthiest people in the world by 2026.

Education Queensland

 **Hon. KJ JONES** (Ashgrove—ALP) (Minister for Education and Minister for Tourism, Major Events and the Commonwealth Games) (10.17 am): Over the past two years our efforts have been laser focused on our commitment to ensure that every Queensland child benefits from a quality education. We have made a commitment to employ more teachers to restore the cuts of the previous LNP government and that is exactly what we have delivered.

Over three years we are employing 875 extra teachers above growth, ensuring thousands more teachers in schools to provide individual attention for our students and reducing class sizes. All of us remember that class sizes grew under the LNP's watch. We have also increased teacher aide hours by more than 8,000 hours per week. Our Advancing Education action plan is driving a new era of quality and opportunity for Queensland students. It is helping ready our students for a globalised world and preparing them to work with changing technologies, such as coding and robotics. Last year, we established the Autism Hub and Reading Centre to support teachers, families and parents to help target support where it is needed most.


Ms Trad: It's a great facility.

Ms JONES: I thank the Deputy Premier. I know that she has inspected it. We also want to connect students to science, technology, engineering and mathematics and support our STEM teachers. That is why more than 2,500 teachers have already taken the opportunity to be upskilled in primary and secondary STEM courses.

We have also set up the new Queensland Coding Academy, STEM Hub and STEM Champions, to create more professional learning opportunities for our teachers. These efforts are delivering results. Last year our students recorded their best ever NAPLAN results and our efforts to close the gap on education outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are making a real difference, with 97 per cent of Indigenous students successfully completing year 12. We will continue to advance education here in Queensland to prepare our young people for the jobs of the future.

Queenslanders will not forget the LNP razor gang and its treatment of education when it shamefully slashed teachers and shut schools. The fact that the LNP in Queensland have been dead silent on the Turnbull cuts to education in Queensland shows how little they care about our schools. This Labor government will always stand up for a better deal for Queensland students.

Domestic and Family Violence

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills) (10.20 am): Recent tragic events on the Gold Coast have caused much distress in the community and reinforced the need to continue our important work to end domestic and family violence in our society. I echo the Premier's previous comments in sending our thoughts to the children, family and friends of Teresa Bradford. Although it is not appropriate to go to the details of that incident, we know that everybody—politicians, domestic violence advocates, community organisations and the broader community—all want to see an end to domestic and family violence. We all strive for the same goal: safety in our communities.

Last week's tragic events not surprisingly had people feeling angry and saddened and calling for urgent solutions to stop this senseless violence. We also know there is no one quick fix to address what is cultural change in our community. Respect towards women, reduction in personal violence, acknowledgement and accountability of actions is what we need. The Palaszczuk government is committed to addressing this scourge on our society. That is why we have sought to take a bipartisan approach to this important issue. We seek to work with all sides of politics at all levels of government across this nation to do what we can to stop domestic and family violence.

There has been a call in recent days for a change in the bail arrangements. The government is aware that today the opposition is introducing a bill on this issue. Already my department has examined the reverse onus bail arrangements, known as show cause across the country. What we do know is that there is little consistency. What we also know is that all but one jurisdiction's bail provision—being Tasmania—would not have seen a reverse onus applying to the bail application before the court in the Teresa Bradford matter as this was the first offence before the court.

Although the *Not now, not ever* report did not recommend changes to the bail arrangements, this government is open to considering improvements to the bail arrangements in Queensland. This needs to be done in consultation with those people on the front line—domestic violence groups, legal representatives and, importantly, the victims, who all deal with these matters on a daily basis—to ensure we achieve the best outcomes. We want to know which model is achieving the best results leading to a reduction in domestic violence offences. We also will continue to implement the *Not now, not ever* report recommendations to ensure that all of those witnesses who gave evidence before the task force to form the considered recommendations that received bipartisan support are not forgotten.

This work will be in addition to the significant actions already taken by this government in response to the task force recommendations, actions that have already seen significant change of attitude in our communities and awareness around domestic and family violence. The Palaszczuk government has already launched a specialist domestic violence court trial in Southport, streamlined the processes of domestic violence order applications and increased them to five years, introduced a suite of laws making domestic violence an aggravating factor for sentencing and increased penalties for repeat breaches of orders, created a stand-alone offence for strangulation and provided greater protection for victims who appear as witnesses. What is more, when it comes to GPS tracking of offenders, we have been investigating more advanced technologies with a view to their use in domestic violence situations and working with the Minister for Police and the Queensland Police Service to achieve the best outcomes.

But for all that we can legislate against domestic violence crimes, we must also remember that tackling domestic violence will require a huge cultural change in our community. We must all as individuals be prepared to say enough is enough, that domestic violence in families is never okay—not now, not ever.

MOTIONS

Leader of the House, Remuneration



Hon. A PALASZCZUK (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (10.24 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

That this House resolves that—

1. in accordance with section 42 of the Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal Act 2013, the Office of Leader of the House be approved as an office entitled under a determination to be paid salary in addition to the salary a member is entitled to under section 41 of the Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal Act 2013; and
2. appointment to that office becomes effective when the Premier formally notifies the Speaker or the Legislative Assembly.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

Amendment to Standing Orders; Referral to Public Works and Utilities Committee



Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (10.25 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

1. That schedule 6 of the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly be amended in accordance with the amendment circulated in my name, effective immediately; and
2. That the Water Legislation (Dam Safety) Amendment Bill 2016 previously referred to the Transportation and Utilities Committee is now referred to the renamed Public Works and Utilities Committee, effective immediately.

Amendment to Standing Orders to be moved by the Leader of the House**1. SCHEDULE 6 (PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES)—***Omit, insert***SCHEDULE 6—PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES**

- (1) In accordance with s.88 of the Parliament of Queensland Act 2001, the following table establishes the Portfolio Committees of the Legislative Assembly and identifies their primary areas of responsibility; and
- (2) A reference to a Minister is deemed to include departments, statutory authorities, government owned corporations and other administrative units reporting to the Minister and parts thereof that report to the Minister with respect to the Minister's responsibilities as set out in the Administrative Arrangements.

Portfolio Committee	Area of Responsibility	Ministers	Oversight Responsibility
Finance and Administration Committee	Premier, Cabinet and the Arts Treasury and Trade and Investment Employment, Industrial Relations, Racing and Multicultural Affairs	Premier and Minister for the Arts Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs	Auditor-General Integrity Commissioner Queensland Family and Child Commission
Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee	Transport, Infrastructure and Planning State Development, Natural Resources and Mines Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships	Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning Minister for State Development and Minister for Natural Resources and Mines Minister for Local Government and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships	Family Responsibilities Commission
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee	Justice and Attorney-General, Training and Skills Police, Fire, Emergency Services and Corrective Services	Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services	Electoral Commissioner Information Commissioner Ombudsman Criminal Organisation Public Interest Monitor
Agriculture and Environment Committee	Environment and Heritage Protection, National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Economic Development	Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef. Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Economic Development	
Education, Tourism, Innovation and Small Business Committee	Education, Tourism, Major Events and Commonwealth Games Innovation, Science, the Digital Economy and Small Business	Minister for Education and Minister for Tourism, Major Events and the Commonwealth Games Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy and Minister for Small Business	

Portfolio Committee	Area of Responsibility	Ministers	Oversight Responsibility
Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee	Health and Ambulance Services	Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services	Health Ombudsman
	Communities, Women, Youth, and Child Safety Domestic and Family Violence Prevention	Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence	
	Disability Services and Seniors	Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Seniors and Minister Assisting the Premier on North Queensland	
Public Works and Utilities Committee	Main Roads, Road Safety, Ports, Energy and Water Supply	Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply	
	Housing, Public Works and Sport	Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Sport	

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

COMMITTEES

Membership



Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (10.25 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

That all current members of portfolio and statutory committees be discharged and that the order of appointment circulated in my name for the membership of parliamentary committee established by statute be agreed to.

ORDER OF APPOINTMENT TO PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Finance and Administration Committee—Mr Peter Russo (Chair), Mr David Janetzki, Mrs Jo-Ann Miller, Mr Steve Minnikin, Mr Linus Power, Mr Ray Stevens

Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee—Mr Jim Pearce (Chair), Mr Craig Crawford, Mr Shane Knuth, Mrs Brittany Lauga, Ms Ann Leahy, Mr Tony Perrett

Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee—Mr Duncan Pegg (Chair), Mr Don Brown, Ms Nikki Boyd, Mr Michael Crandon, Mr Jon Krause, Mrs Jann Stuckey

Agriculture and Environment Committee—Mr Joe Kelly (Chair), Mrs Julieanne Gilbert, Mr Robbie Katter, Mr Jim Madden, Mr Lachlan Millar, Mr Pat Weir

Education, Tourism, Innovation and Small Business Committee—Mr Scott Stewart (Chair), Miss Verity Barton, Mr Mark Boothman, Mr Bruce Saunders, Mr Ted Sorensen, Mr Rick Williams

Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee—Ms Leanne Linard (Chair), Mr Sid Cramp, Ms Leanne Donaldson, Mr Aaron Harper, Mr Mark McArdle, Dr Mark Robinson

Public Works and Utilities Committee—Mr Shane King (Chair), Mr Jason Costigan, Mr Matt McEachan, Mr Rob Molhoek, Ms Joan Pease, Mr Chris Whiting

Ethics Committee—Mr Don Brown (Chair), Mr Craig Crawford, Mr Linus Power, Mr Jeff Seeney, Ms Fiona Simpson, Mr Trevor Watts


Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee—Mr Lawrence Springborg (Chair), Ms Nikki Boyd, Mr Glen Elmes, Mrs Julieanne Gilbert, Mr Joe Kelly, Mrs Brittany Lauga, Mr Ian Rickuss

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Closing the Gap Report, State Representation

 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algeester—ALP) (Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy and Minister for Small Business) (10.26 am): Today in Canberra the Prime Minister will release the 2017 Closing the Gap report into health, education and employment outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Last week the Premier asked me to represent her and the Queensland government in Canberra and as the first Indigenous minister in a government in Queensland I was very honoured to accept that invitation.


Unfortunately, the LNP decided engaging in this conversation was not a priority and did not allow a pair, even when an invitation was extended to the opposition to also represent our state. I am deeply disappointed that the Queensland parliament will not be represented today and, of course, disappointed that this may mark the beginning of—

Mr SEENEY: I rise to a point of order. Mr Speaker, I ask you to explain how this constitutes a personal explanation to the House.

Mr SPEAKER: Minister, I would urge you to continue that under ministerial statements tomorrow.

NOTICE OF MOTION


North Queensland, Electricity Supply

 **Mr HART** (Burleigh—LNP) (10.27 am): I give notice that I shall move—

That this House calls on the Palaszczuk government to support the development of a coal-fired generator to provide reliable and affordable baseload power in North Queensland.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS


Regional and Rural Queensland, Jobs

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (10.28 am): There is no question that regional and rural Queensland is hurting. There have been 43,000 jobs lost out of rural and regional Queensland. It is no wonder that the regions are hurting. They are hurting because there has been \$3 billion less in infrastructure under this incompetent, do-nothing, Labor government.

This government has taken it upon itself to take \$3 billion out of the Queensland economy, yet it wonders why 43,000 people are out of work in rural and regional Queensland. The answer is because of this incompetent do-nothing Labor government! This government has no idea where rural and regional Queensland is. Let me give them a tip: Yamanto, on the Cunningham Highway, is 35 kilometres from here. It is not in regional Queensland. However, the Yamanto project was within Building Queensland's supposed pipeline. Can members guess what this incompetent government has done? It has taken it back through its pipeline; it has not progressed it forward! Six months ago that project was ready for a government investment decision. What did this Deputy Premier and this incompetent government do? They actually put it back through the pipeline and said, 'No, we need another secret business case in a glossy brochure for the Deputy Premier to put on her shelf. Don't worry about spending money in rural and regional Queensland!'

That goes to another point: this government slashed the Royalties for the Regions program, which was delivering projects such as water treatment plants, overtaking lanes, other road projects and wooden bridge projects. Those projects were keeping regional people in jobs. That program was working. Those opposite have now finished with all of their media conferences to open LNP projects, but they have forgotten that they actually need something going all the time. This government delivered—what was it, Minister?—one per cent of regional projects within its first budget. This government needs to stop reviewing, it needs to start doing and it needs to give jobs to rural and regional Queenslanders.

Palaszczuk Labor Government, Achievements

 **Hon. WS BYRNE** (Rockhampton—ALP) (Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Economic Development) (10.31 am): Today is the second anniversary of the Palaszczuk government's rise to power and it is also Valentine's Day. On this day of celebration and amore, I want

the Leader of the Opposition to feel the warmth of my embrace. When I was a young 20-year-old lieutenant trainee at Officer Cadet School at Portsea, they taught us a few things about leadership. The first was to be yourself; do not pretend to be what you are not; be consistent; know yourself, know your people and make sure that people know you and what you stand for. That is in marked contrast to the recent performance of the Leader of the Opposition, who will get a chance to respond to this later on.

Since we all met and held hands in the chamber last year, a number of things have occurred, the first being the Shoalwater Bay and Charters Towers federal government land grab on behalf of Singaporean interests. What did we see from the opposition? We saw nothing! As one of my ministerial colleagues often comments, we heard the crickets in the background. Earlier in the piece, there was one point when the member for Whitsunday was passing, I assume, between his own electorate and Buderim, which seems to be a place he wants to spend a lot of time. He came through Rockhampton and said, 'Rockhampton needs this proposal like a hole in the head'. I thought to myself, 'Hallelujah! Tip of the spear! He is going to get backed in by the shadow minister and he is going to get backed in by the Leader of the Opposition.' What happened afterwards? Nothing! All we heard were the crickets. We heard absolutely nothing. Then what did we hear? Apparently, at the eleventh hour, the Leader of the Opposition made a phone call to the Prime Minister. In that phone call, they said they were going to relocate the activity.

Mr Cripps interjected.

Mr BYRNE: You will get your chance, mate. I nearly wet myself in the office when I heard that. The fact is that they have no influence in the game at all. The difference between our Premier, who stands on principle and on decency, and the Leader of the Opposition could not be more marked. I merely mention the member for Buderim. For the benefit of the House, I table this article from the *Courier-Mail*.

Tabled paper: Front page of the *Courier-Mail*, dated 4 February 2017, with the headline 'No Deal' [147].

Tabled paper: Extract, undated, of a Facebook link to a *Courier-Mail* online article titled 'I'm not having a coalition with them' [148].

That is where we stand on matters of principle. That is where we go. That is what our Premier stands for, but what do we see from the opposition? This was reflected on in social media. When the *Courier-Mail* published the Premier's decision on One Nation, in the article headed 'No deal', it prompted the following comment: 'That's what leadership looks like'. Who said that? Michael Tiyce, the president of the East Sydney branch of the Liberal Party, which is Malcolm Turnbull's own backyard! There is no leadership across the chamber—none whatsoever—and there is certainly no-one left in the Liberal Party.

(Time expired)

Queensland Rail



Mr POWELL (Glass House—LNP) (10.34 am): Traditionally, winter is the season of discontent, but for South-East Queensland commuters summer has been not only the season of discontent but also the season of disaster and debacle. Through the sheer incompetence of this Palaszczuk Labor government, in which ministers are not across their portfolios and do not ask the right questions, South-East Queensland commuters have suffered. What have they suffered? They have suffered late trains, they have suffered lost trains and they have suffered no trains at all. What started as 167 cancellations on 21 October led to an interim timetable on 24 October, mass Queensland Rail resignations on 27 October, a further 74 cancellations on Sunday, 30 October and another new timetable with 400 less services a week issued on 31 October. It all went quiet and one might have thought that that was the end of the rail fail, but roll on Christmas Day when one-third of all services—that is, 261 services—were cancelled with no notification to commuters. We then had a return to a timetable that saw some 472 less services a week. Let me remind commuters that that is 24,000 services less than they were promised in this coming year.

We have had the Strachan inquiry, a ministerial resignation and a back-to-the-future ministerial appointment. At the end of that, what is in it for commuters? At least two more years of rail fail pain. Queenslanders shudder with horror at the phrase 'Rudd, Gillard, Rudd'. We have our own version now: 'Trad, Hinchliffe, Trad'. Two ministers—


Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you members.

Mr POWELL: Those two ministers have overseen the state's worst public transport debacle and the only one smiling is the Premier, given that the previous worst record was her own when she was the transport minister. If we also throw into the mix the Treasurer bypassing Queensland Rail's board

and making decisions with the unions, it just leads to frustration for commuters, which will continue well into the future. We already have the Deputy Premier letting the unions overrule Strachan inquiry recommendations. The most obvious solution to this debacle is to open up recruitment, but Queensland Rail remains a closed shop. The weekend's advertisement requiring Queensland Rail experience is in complete contradiction to the Strachan report. Commuters will be horrified this rail fail fix is going nowhere and the Palaszczuk Labor government is to blame.

Alcohol Fuelled Violence

 **Hon. AJ LYNHAM** (Stafford—ALP) (Minister for State Development and Minister for Natural Resources and Mines) (10.38 am): On this side of the House, we are committed to tackling alcohol fuelled violence, which is why we introduced and passed legislation to limit the service of alcohol to 2 am in venues with late licences and 3 am in venues in late-night precincts. We took that action because peer reviewed, evidence based research shows that reducing the availability of alcohol reduces the amount of violence. It is fairly simple. The committee heard the overwhelming evidence from experts that if you reduce consumption time you cut the drunken brawls.

However, I am stunned by the response of those opposite. They want to ignore that evidence and they want to reverse all of our actions to tackle alcohol fuelled violence. It has not been long since the Leader of the Opposition was out and about, saying that he wants to roll back the entire package that we introduced. That means going back to the days of police and paramedics cleaning up the mess after drunken brawls at 5 am.

I have to ask why the LNP are so set on winding back the key component of our reforms—cutting back the service of alcohol consumption hours. The report handed down by the legal affairs committee was clear in its evidence, but what was not clear was this. I table an AEC disclosure return highlighting a \$50,000 donation from the Chalk on Stanley to the LNP.

Tabled paper: Electoral Commission of Queensland Disclosure Return—Donor to Political Party (Liberal National Party) in the name of Chalk on Stanley P/L ATF The Chalk Trust, dated 16 January 2017 [\[149\]](#).


Mr Bleijie interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock! Member for Kawana, I can hear you speaking almost as loudly as the minister. I would urge members to make sure their interjections are relevant.

Dr LYNHAM: That is a \$50,000 donation from the Chalk on Stanley to the LNP. That is a big donation by anyone's standards. What is more worrying is the timing of this donation. It was within days of the committee report being handed down. I also feel the need to point out that this donation was only declared to the Australian Electoral Commission on 16 December. It remained hidden until 16 December.

Two days later we saw the Leader of the Opposition at the Flying Cock pulling a beer. This is a murky tale and it gets murkier. I am advised Chalk Hotel was owned by a company called BT Hotels and Property Group. I am further advised that BT Hotels owned another establishment—Tempo in the Valley. Chalk and Tempo have now closed. However, another venue has opened at the same site—the Flying Cock. Was this cash for comment? Today I read that nightclubs in Surfers Paradise are wanting 24-hour trading. How much is this going to cost?

Palaszczuk Labor Government, Performance

 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.41 am): It is certainly interesting to hear from the rooster over there who became a feather dust when he was rolled by his cabinet mates in relation to his lockout laws. There is the man of principle. There is the man who got elected to cut it all down. There is the man who was rolled by all of his cabinet colleagues. What did the health minister say to him? 'That is just the way it goes, old mate.'

We have heard from the member for Rockhampton, the newly remounted Kenny Rogers—and about the same age—talking about deals. What else has been happening here as they lose yet another minister—old Stirling who proved to be less than sterling when it came to actually fixing the problems; he was going to fix up the rail mess, but was replaced by someone the Premier said is 'made of steel and no-one better get in her way'? She better have a look in the mirror because we know who is coming for the Premier's job. You had better not get in her way.

Then we had the absolute debacle of the once proud, once mighty AWU reduced to factional infighting.

Mr Power interjected.

Mr NICHOLLS: I hear the dulcet tones of the member for Logan from the back corner. He is still in the back corner.

An opposition member: Way back.


Mr NICHOLLS: He is way back there in the back corner because the factional convener of the AWU, the member for Logan, could not do the numbers to get himself onto the front bench. He enlisted the aid of the member for Woodridge. Remember that one? The member for Bundamba knows the member for Woodridge. Come on, Cameron, we know what it is all about. It is all about you.

He could not get the member for Redcliffe on side to get the numbers over there so we have 'Furner the burner' from Ferny Grove turning up. He got all the backbench on side so he could roll into the job that he could not get in the federal parliament. Are you following this, fellas? Have you got it, comrades? It is not working for you. Of course, who can forget the member for Gladstone, who had to make a phone call to Peter Simpson to make sure it was okay for him to swap sides so he could get himself in there. That is the story of the ALP over Christmas.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Mr SPEAKER: Question time will finish at 11.44 am.

Domestic and Family Violence, Law Reform

 **Mr NICHOLLS** (10.44 am): My first question is to the Premier. Like most Queenslanders, I was shocked and saddened by the death of Teresa Bradford, whose funeral is being held today. Instead of another wait-and-see review, will the Premier, in a spirit of bipartisanship and in support of the community, support the LNP's policy to change bail laws to protect fearful victims from further harm?

Ms PALASZCZUK: I thank the Leader of the Opposition for the question. As I said at the time, I am quite sure that everybody in this House feels exactly the same way. We are deeply saddened by the death of Teresa who has left young children who are now in the care of her family.

What I say to the Leader of the Opposition and to those members who are here is: yes, we do want a spirit of bipartisanship where we work on many issues together—issues such as domestic and family violence. That is something that we have been doing collectively as a parliament. Of course, if we were shown the legislation we would be happy to talk to you about that.

As the Attorney-General said very clearly in her ministerial statement today, these are very important but very complex issues. For Teresa we need to get these laws right. These laws should not be rushed. These laws should be consulted on. We know that there are front-line domestic violence delivery services out there that would like to be consulted on this. The legal profession would like to be consulted on this. What I am hearing from the legal profession is that they are very concerned that what the opposition is proposing is rushed and not measured.

Yes, let us act collectively on this issue. Let us make sure it goes through the committee system, as it should, and that everyone gets the opportunity to consult. For Teresa I want to make sure that the laws are right and that the laws are working. I believe that everyone in this House shares those sentiments.

We know that the *Not now, not ever* report was commissioned by the former government. My government is implementing all of those recommendations. We are doing it through consultation. We have an implementation committee and we are working on that in a bipartisan manner. I say to the Leader of the Opposition today to get his shadow Attorney-General and my Attorney-General and let us sit down together and do this collectively in the best interests of the people of Queensland. Let us do that because it is the right thing to do.

In relation to domestic and family violence we want to make sure that we do everything we possibly can. That is why there is increased funding to domestic and family violence centres throughout this state. That is why I called the first ever national summit on domestic and family violence where we had the Prime Minister and all of the premiers and first ministers together with stakeholders talking about working together in the national interest. We are trying to get this out of the shadows. We are trying to make sure that people who are experiencing this are being cared for.

Domestic and Family Violence, GPS Trackers

Mr NICHOLLS: The Premier will have the opportunity to see the legislation later today. My second question is to the Premier. Queenslanders are being sickened by domestic violence related crime. Instead of another wait-and-see review, will the Premier support the LNP's policy to introduce GPS trackers so victims can feel safer against dangerous offenders who repeatedly breach domestic violence protection orders?

Ms PALASZCZUK: I say to the Leader of the Opposition that if he had read the *Not now, not ever* report he would see that that is one of the recommendations. It is one of the recommendations contained in that report that we can implement, that we can work together on to make sure that we have the best technology. Once again, these things need to take their course. We need to make sure that they work, that there is a full understanding and that the police are comfortable with the technology. These things just do not happen overnight. We have a bipartisan approach to the implementation of the report, and that is one of the key recommendations of that report.

Communities will be leading the technical trial. We have accepted recommendation No. 123 of the report for the GPS tracking of high-risk offenders. The government has said that we are accepting that recommendation, but now we have to make sure that we have the technology right. We know that technology in this age is changing dramatically, so we need to make sure that that technology is correct. We have already allocated \$200,000 to this. We are waiting to confirm the technology. I know that the Minister for Police is having conversations within his portfolio, as well as the Attorney-General and the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, to ensure that we get this right.

We know that GPS tracking devices are widely used for dangerous sex offenders. Once again, we need to make sure that we get this right. I say to the Leader of the Opposition once again that he always has the opportunity to pick up the phone and talk to me. I am more than happy to sit down and talk to him. As I said, we need to get this right. I intend to do everything I possibly can to continue to implement the recommendations of the *Not now, not ever* report.

Far North Queensland, Special Education Facilities

Mr CRAWFORD: My question without notice is to the Premier. Will the Premier update the House on the provision of educational facilities to special needs children in my region of Far North Queensland?

Ms PALASZCZUK: I thank the member for Barron River very much for that question. I spoke about this initially in my ministerial statement today as one of the election commitments that we have delivered, and that is a special school for the Cairns region. I need to go back in time to point out to the House how important this initiative is. It was the Treasurer when we were in opposition who was very vocal because he had families coming through his door talking about how there was no special school in the region. We made an election commitment, and last Thursday we have delivered. I thank the Minister for Education. The member for Barron River was also there. Every single dollar of that \$25 million is well spent for those students. There is an initial enrolment of 41 students, with a capacity to take 121. The \$25 million is allocated towards 20 flexible classrooms. They have training for hospitality and horticulture. There is interactive play for those students.

This is about listening and delivering. My government has listened to the needs of the region and we have delivered that special school. The smiles on the children's faces say it all. When I personally met Ben—Ben was there and met with all of us last Thursday—

Ms Jones: He stole the show.

Ms PALASZCZUK: He was the centre of attention that day. His mother, Leanne, said to me, 'He gets up early every morning and is looking forward to going to school.' This is about providing children such as Ben an opportunity—an opportunity for good quality education. As I travel around the state that is one thing that I press upon people: no matter where you live in this state you deserve the right to have good quality education. We are delivering services, extra teachers, extra teacher aides, extra schools for our population and a special school for a region that never had one. It was promised by those opposite—

Ms Jones: Never delivered.

Ms PALASZCZUK: And never delivered. When we talk about listening and delivering, how could the Leader of the Opposition, who was the former treasurer, not deliver a special school for the children of the Cairns district? I find that really disgraceful. Perhaps those on the other side will be able to ask

him why they did not go ahead with it. At the end of the day the children of Cairns now have a choice. They have a choice to go to this school to get a good quality education, to get training and to get access to work when they leave school.

Queensland Rail

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: My question without notice is to the Premier. Last year the Premier said of the member for Sandgate, 'I have said to the Minister for Transport that he needs to fix the problem. That is what he is 100 per cent focused on.' If the last transport minister was 100 per cent focused on the rail mess and could not fix it, why is the Palaszczuk Labor government risking more jobs in Queensland by saddling the minister responsible for infrastructure with fixing Labor's rail mess?

Ms PALASZCZUK: I thank the member for Nanango very much for that question. Let me discuss a couple of issues here. The first thing is that I want to thank the member for Sandgate for his work. The member for Sandgate was personally every single day doing everything he possibly could to ensure that the trains were running. I know that took a personal toll on him and his family. I thank him very much for his service. I have asked the Deputy Premier to take on the responsibility to be the Minister for Transport because I know that no-one will stand in her way. I know—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: I know we all feel the love across the chamber.

Ms PALASZCZUK: I know that in relation to the recommendations in the Strachan report she will drive the implementation to ensure that that happens. I want to put on the public record now my personal thanks to Phillip Strachan for that report. I want to thank him for taking on that role as Chair of the Queensland Rail Board to help drive the implementation of those recommendations. I know that the Deputy Premier will fix these trains.

Speaking of infrastructure, I noticed that the Queensland opposition media put out a beautiful photo today talking about infrastructure in regional Queensland. I had a look at the photo. It has a lovely little farmhouse. As I looked closer, it has a thatched roof. It says, 'Regional Queensland misses out,' and there is a thatched roof. There are some greenfields and some bitumen there, but the thatched roof really got me thinking. Where do we have thatched roofs? Do we have them in Winton? Do we have them in Cairns? Do we have them in Rockhampton? Where is this thatched roof? Let me table it for the benefit of the opposition, because it is from a website that is in Slovenia!

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you, members. I call the Premier.

Ms PALASZCZUK: They do not even know regional Queensland. Let me table it.

Tabled paper: Extract, dated 13 February 2017, of the Queensland Opposition Media Twitter profile, in relation to infrastructure in regional Queensland [\[150\]](#).

Tabled paper: Extract, dated 11 May 2015, from <https://whonnockwrightcycles.wordpress.com>, regarding the transition along the Danube from Western Europe to Central Europe [\[151\]](#).

There it is. What an embarrassment. What is next? Are they going to compare—

(Time expired)

Military Training Areas

Mr PEARCE: My question without notice is to the Premier. Will the Premier advise the House on the feedback she received from graziers regarding what needs to be done by the Prime Minister about the threat of compulsory acquisition of land to expand military training areas?

Ms PALASZCZUK: I would like to thank the member for Mirani from regional Queensland for his question. I do not think there are Slovenian thatched roofs in Mirani. The member for Mirani raises a very important issue, and that is the graziers who have been impacted by the federal government's decision in relation to compulsory land acquisition in Marlborough and around Charters Towers. I, the agricultural minister, the member for Mirani and the member for Keppel attended a rally where never before have I seen graziers standing alongside meatworkers standing alongside conservationists—

Mrs Frecklington: You should get out a bit more.

Ms PALASZCZUK: None of you were there. They probably do not know where it is in Central Queensland. Obviously the Prime Minister does not know where it is. My government was prepared to stand up for those graziers. Let me tell the House how they were told about the compulsory land acquisition. They told me they found out through a letter in the mail just prior to Christmas. They were

receiving their Christmas cards at the same time as they were receiving a letter for compulsory acquisition. Some of these families have been on the land for 140 years. That is the way the LNP is treating these farmers and these graziers.

I would like to acknowledge one of those landholders in the gallery today: Lara Conaghan, whose family owns the iconic Brahman property Belah Valley near Marlborough. I welcome them here today.

Mr Cripps interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Pause the clock. Member for Hinchinbrook, the Premier is not taking your interjections. You have had a pretty good go. If you persist, I will take the appropriate action.

Ms PALASZCZUK: Lara wrote to me and I would like to read some of her letter into *Hansard*. Her letter states—

I'm writing in regards to the compulsory acquisitions of prime productive farming country in the Shoalwater Bay area, Marlborough, Central Queensland. We have heard pseudopatriotic justifications and excuses from our elected LNP government asserting it is in Australia's national interest.

No thought has been put into what national interest would be lost if this deceitful act of compulsory acquisition eventuates. Lara explains that her family's property, owned by her father, Alf Collins, was of national interest, explaining—

Alf's property management system has gained international recognition over the past 50 years, attracting experts and guests from every continent around the world, interstate university students and leading international scientific researchers to study genetics and reproduction of beef cattle. For a Prime Minister committed to innovation, his government had no regard for the expertise of these landowners.

I call on the Prime Minister to personally visit these graziers because it is the right thing to do.

Queensland Rail

Mr BLEIJIE: My question is to the Premier. How can Queenslanders have any confidence that their interests will be protected and the rail fail fixed anytime soon when the Premier has personally appointed a left faction apparatchik owned lock, stock and barrel by the RTBU, the ETU and AFULE to be in charge of negotiating on behalf of Queenslanders with those exact unions?

Ms PALASZCZUK: I thank the member for Kawana for the question. How can we trust an LNP-One Nation deal? How can Queensland trust them? Leadership means standing up for your principles. I am prepared to stand up for my principles and this government by clearly stating no deals with One Nation. Can the Leader of the Opposition stand up today and say the same? Who is next? Just cast the net. Who is going to jump ship next?

Ms Trad: Whitsunday.

Ms PALASZCZUK: The member for Whitsunday? The member for Gympie?

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Before I call the Premier, I have received advice from the Clerk that there may have been a personal reflection in the member for Kawana's question. I ask the member to show me a copy of his question and I will have a look at it. I call the Premier to continue.

Ms PALASZCZUK: For a start, we know where regional Queensland is. That is a good start.

An opposition member interjected.

Ms PALASZCZUK: I will take that interjection because I make the decisions. There will be no deals, unlike the leader—

Mr Powell interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Member for Glass House, I know you are primed. You have had a pretty good go. If you persist, I will take the appropriate action. The same applies to all members who want to be disruptive and make interjections that are not relevant to the matter before the House.

Ms PALASZCZUK: This is unlike the Leader of the Opposition, who has outsourced the decision-making to the faceless men of the LNP. Leadership requires you to stand on your principles. My government is solely focused on the people of Queensland, unlike those opposites who travel around the state meeting only with themselves. I note the Leader of the Opposition and the deputy leader had to fly up to Whitsunday on Sunday night to nurse the member for Whitsunday to make sure that he was not going to be leaving any time soon. We know that when the member for Buderim left, the member for Whitsunday was near the same coffee shop as the press conference. We know that the member for Redlands has shown some interest as well. Let me make it very clear to the parliament: in relation to the Leader of the Opposition, they are all doing you slowly. They are all doing you slowly.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Member for Kawana, I ask you to withdraw the words 'apparatchik' and 'owned by the union' that you used in your question.

Mr Bleijie: I withdraw such words, Mr Speaker.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Indooroopilly, you have had a pretty good go. You will be the first on the list this morning. You are warned under standing order 253A.

Queensland Rail, Train Crew

Mr KING: My question is to the Deputy Premier. Will the Deputy Premier update the House on train crew training within Queensland Rail?

Ms TRAD: I am very appreciative that I have been asked a question in the House today about the train crew recruitment process. I had expected one from those opposite but I do not think they have written it down yet. Yesterday I was pleased to personally welcome the first batch of new recruits into Queensland Rail: 40 guards and 25 trainee drivers. Sixty-five new people turned up to start their training to make sure that we can fix the trains. That was fantastic. We have also advertised for former drivers to come back to Queensland Rail, a common-sense first step given their experience on the railway. This is part of our comprehensive recruitment campaign that will include external recruitment. We are determined to fix the trains, and training more drivers and guards is a critical part of our strategy going forward.

The Strachan inquiry report is the line in the sand. It is the blueprint for reform. We have looked at the organisation root and branch. We are the only government to have done this. We have looked at Queensland Rail and we have sought independent eyes to analyse the problems, and we have got the way forward. It is this government that is determined to fix the mess that those opposite presided over in their time but refuse to talk about. The Strachan inquiry report revealed that as early as 2013 the organisation knew the risk of a train crew shortfall, and that was identified in 2013. Critically, we know that these forecasts were not acted upon at that time. Whose job was it at the time to make sure there was a ministerial—

An honourable member interjected.

Ms TRAD: Yes, it was the member for Indooroopilly. He knew this when he talked to the ABC on 22 February. When he said he wanted to move train crews from North Queensland down to the metropolitan network, he said, 'We need train crews down south because we have an excess in the north and we need more in the south.' However, what did he do? Nothing! No, he actually did more. He presided over eight tutor drivers going—gone—10 driver-operators gone and a freeze on recruitment. Why was that? It was because he was more interested in segways than he was in the railways. He took his eyes off the ball.

(Time expired)

Mr SPEAKER: Before I call the member for Indooroopilly for his question, I am informed that we have legal studies students from the Earnshaw State College in the electorate of Nudgee observing our proceedings from the gallery. Welcome.

Queensland Rail, Enterprise Agreement

Mr EMERSON: My question is to the Treasurer. What direction, formal or otherwise, did the Treasurer give to Queensland Rail regarding the 2016 enterprise agreement?

Mr PITT: I thank the honourable member for the question. I can safely say that there is no informal direction; either you are issuing a direction or you are not. Apart from that, what we have done—both myself and the former minister Stirling Hinchliffe—is put very clearly our views of what should be happening in this space on the record and to the board for their consideration. We did not issue a direction. As the Strachan report very clearly details, what we have seen is an enterprise agreement that has been signed off by—

Mr Emerson: Bypassed.

Mr PITT: No, that is not correct. Be very careful, member for Indooroopilly. What we are seeing is an enterprise agreement which has been signed off and recommended by the board to the government. That has gone to a ballot and is expected to be ratified in the coming weeks. Those opposite are going to continue to try to rewrite history. As honourable members have just heard the Deputy Premier outline, when in office those opposite oversaw a significant funding cut to Queensland Rail. We saw that their hand-picked CEO, Glen Dawe, actually suspended driver recruitment. In 2014 it was a critical element—

Mr Nicholls: It made no difference; did you read that part of the report as well?

Mr PITT: I take that interjection from the member for Clayfield, the Leader of the Opposition, because we know that the report said that it was a critical piece to the recruiting. We know that when it came to delivering the timetables that we were expected to look at, there was a critical juncture and that was what happened—and you can see outlined in the report on page 34 the period in which no driver training schools were occurring. Over the past week those opposite have tried to conflate issues.

What we cannot ignore here are the facts. The member for Indooroopilly was the transport minister of the day and the member for Clayfield was the treasurer. They had very different roles and I am not going to suggest that the member for Clayfield as treasurer of the day in his role as a responsible minister should have been seeing to day-to-day operational matters because that is not my role; it is a role for the Minister for Transport. What did he do in his role? The treasurer of the day, Tim Nicholls, imposed savings targets on QR of more than \$773 million. We have talked about the job losses that were there between 2012 and 2014. We saw 140 train crew, or 13 per cent, gone; 18 staff in tutor or inspector roles were actively cut and as far as back as 2014 the QR workforce and resources plan forecast a deficit in drivers. We know all this, but we also know the Strachan report said—

... reductions in training programs and tutors was a contributing factor to the undersupply of train crew. Had training not been suspended—

by Glen Dawe—

Queensland Rail would have had up to 30 more drivers in October 2016.

(Time expired)

Queensland Economy

Ms PEASE: My question without notice is to the Treasurer. Will the Treasurer please advise the House of any recent commentary about the state of the economy with specific reference to the regions?

Mr PITT: I thank the member for Lytton for her question. Yes, I live in regional Queensland; I know where regional Queensland is.

Ms Trad: Thatched roofs?

Mr PITT: There are not as many thatched roofs in my local area. When it comes to looking at the Queensland economy, regional Queensland is a very important component of making sure that everyone across Queensland can share in the very successful growth story that we are seeing here in our state. We know the unemployment rate—

Mrs Frecklington: How's the unemployment rate going now?

Mr PITT: I take that interjection from the deputy opposition leader. Unemployment under those opposite was 6.6 per cent; what is it under our government? It is six per cent.

Mrs Frecklington: What is it in Cairns right now?

Mr PITT: It is actually lower this month. What we know is that those opposite presided over a very ordinary situation when it came to job creation. We saw some pretty erroneous things put into the *Courier-Mail* recently about 43,000—they keep referring to it. What they are not telling everyone of course is that since we came to office we have actually created net 28,400 new jobs. What was happening under their government when they were in charge? On their watch we were seeing net job losses happening each month. That is what they presided over. They started the ball rolling when they sacked just about everyone they could in the Queensland Public Service and the government workforce. It is pretty galling to hear those opposite talk about unemployment at any stage because they had such a terrible record.

When it comes to what happens in regional Queensland, we know that our job is going to be to redouble our efforts, as we did in last year's budget and as I outlined at MYFER with the introduction of new programs like the Jobs and Regional Growth Fund and the Works for Queensland package that is working with local councils. For the last five years those opposite have been talking down Queensland. They even talked down Queensland when they were in office. Not everyone shares that doom and gloom view of the world that the member for Clayfield has presided over both as treasurer and now as opposition leader. I know that because people know that confidence is up in regional Queensland; it is up in a lot of places.

Mrs Frecklington: You're kidding me!

Mr PITT: I take the interjection from the member for Nanango because she is really working it. We know that at least one LNP MP thinks differently to the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition and that is the member for Condamine. I table an article.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Dalby Herald*, dated 10 January 2017, titled 'Member for Condamine feeling very optimistic' [152].

This is what the member for Condamine had to say. He is so optimistic about conditions in 2017. In his local paper he talked about 'an air of optimism after several years of readjustment following the resources boom', 'a level of confidence amongst farmers not seen for several seasons', 'new businesses opening doors and established businesses growing. Unemployment in Dalby is below the state level', 'future energy projects planned will offer more opportunity for growth and employment, while addressing the need for renewable and clean energy sources'.

We have a believer in the member for Condamine. He is a believer. He is optimistic, as am I, about the prospects in regional Queensland.

(Time expired)

Queensland Rail Board

Mr POWELL: My question without notice is also to the Treasurer. Given the Treasurer's previous answer, will the Treasurer tell the House the views he expressed to the Queensland Rail Board?

Mr PITT: I am very pleased to express those views. When we spoke with the board and when we wrote to the board, we clearly outlined that we are experiencing significant driver shortages, the train crewing issues were having a significant impact on the network and it was important to see the speedy resolution of the enterprise bargaining process which had been ongoing for some time. In order to respond to the member appropriately, I will go back a little to talk about just how this has been set up and how we worked through this process as a government.

At that stage the member for South Brisbane, the Deputy Premier, was the transport minister. she wrote to the then chair to let them know that we would be applying the government owned corporations wages framework to Queensland Rail, although it was no longer a GOC; it was now a statutory authority. We did that. The details of that settlement framework included applying a wage increase of three per cent per annum and backdating wage increases to no further than 1 March 2015. There is an important component here and that was to see if we could achieve up to a maximum of 1.5 per cent of the three per cent in productivity gains. That was not always necessarily going to be achievable, but it was our aspiration.

We know in that time we had many different backwards and forwards conversations with the organisation dealing directly with the workforce and unions, and on 25 August QR tabled an offer of settlement with the relevant rail unions for a new train crew agreement. As we go further through this process, importantly the former CEO of Queensland Rail came back to the government saying that they had reached an in-principle agreement and asked the government, through CBRC, to provide some certainty to that process, which we did. When that decision was made it was communicated back through the CEO to Queensland Rail to enact that decision.

Going forward, there have been a lot of suggestions about what roles people have had and what parts they have played. The CEO of that organisation, who is paid more than \$700,000, is responsible for their abilities under the Queensland Rail Transit Authority Act, and that includes keeping shareholding ministers and responsible ministers up to date on what is happening and ensuring that those processes are followed. It is not my role as the Treasurer and it is not the role of the former minister or the current minister to do her job for her, and that is a very important point.

We expect that they are following the necessary steps set out in the business plan and the operational and strategic plans. As I said earlier, an agreement has now been reached. What the former minister and I said to the board through our correspondence was that we expect this to be a speedy resolution because the unions and the workforce have bargained in good faith with Queensland Rail, and we expect that this process can be finalised so that we can get on with the job of fixing the trains.

Palaszczuk Labor Government, Achievements

Mr KELLY: My question is to the Minister for Health and the Minister for Ambulance Services. Will the minister please update the House on the Palaszczuk government's achievements in the Health portfolio?

Mr DICK: I thank the member for Greenslopes for his question and for his strong advocacy for health care both during his time in this parliament and prior to his election as a nurse on the front line of health care in Queensland, because he knows firsthand. Before I go on I will make it clear that today

I will be talking about Queensland and not Slovenia. Slovenia is about 20,000 square kilometres and Queensland is 90 times the size of Slovenia. I can assure honourable members that all of our healthcare facilities and clinics have proper roofs and they are not thatched, which is very important for proper health care and infection prevention standards.

The member for Greenslopes knows firsthand the impact of the cuts made by Campbell Newman and the Leader of the Opposition when he was treasurer to Queensland's health care, because he was working as a nurse when 4,400 staff were taken out of the public health system, including 1,800 nurses and midwives. A wrecking ball went through the system, and on top of that wrecking ball was the Leader of the Opposition as treasurer. What a sight that was!

Over the last two years we have rebuilt and restored the front line of health care with 3,000 new nurses and midwives. Over 800 doctors have been appointed to public health care in Queensland and 1,100 nurse and midwife graduates start in our public health system in the next few weeks, because when you invest in the front line you cut the long wait. One of our important achievements has been to reduce the number of people waiting longer for specialist outpatient appointments. With an increase in demand, I am advised, of about 10 per cent, we have reduced the number of people waiting by over 40 per cent. We continue to lead in our delivery targets for elective surgery and we lead the nation in median days waiting, which I understand—although I have not received advice—is better than the median waiting time in Slovenia.

Last year we launched the nation's first sexual health strategy and introduced the country's most progressive medicinal cannabis regime, and I thank the member for Buderim for describing that legislation when it was debated in the House as 'fantastic'. We are building a new tier 3 mental health facility for young people in Queensland following the closure of the Barrett Adolescent Centre, which was presided over by those opposite when they were in government and led to disastrous results for Queensland. We are delivering an ambitious program of infrastructure. We have commenced rolling out the digitisation of our hospitals. We funded the replacement of our critical IT infrastructure, and very soon we will safely open a brand new hospital on the Sunshine Coast led by a clinical advisory reference group which is ticking every box before it opens because we have learned from the debacle that was the opening of the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital. Queenslanders know one thing, and that is they cannot trust the LNP with health care because health care is in safe hands with Labor.

Queensland Rail

Ms DAVIS: My question is to the Treasurer. Given the Treasurer's previous answers, will the Treasurer now release to the public all communication he has had with the QR Board, QR CEO or acting QR CEO?

Mr PITT: I thank the honourable member for the question. What you are asking for seems to be very broad. I am happy to provide any assistance with anything that has already been tabled publically. Obviously there is going to be a very big question mark over the degree of cooperation provided by those opposite in terms of the Strachan report. Clearly at the time there was a very significant reluctance—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr PITT: There was. Until the powers of the commission were put forward there was no suggestion that those opposite would be putting things up. To answer the member's question, if she has something specific she would like to ask, or otherwise she can put in a right to information request—

Mr NICHOLLS: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take offence at the imputation by the Treasurer that I failed to cooperate with the Strachan inquiry. All of the documents were provided on time when requested by Mr Strachan and full interviews were made available by all opposition members to whom Mr Strachan asked to speak.

Mr SPEAKER: From that comment I take it that the Leader of the Opposition has taken offence. Will you withdraw?

Mr PITT: I withdraw. The member is asking for a very broad variety of documents. Any and all communication is not something that we can provide on short notice and she is not being specific. If there is a specific question we would be happy to look at that.

I want to go back to the point I made earlier. The process, which has taken a very long time, started under the previous government when they allowed the previous enterprise agreement to lapse. As I stated in my previous answer, since that time we laid out the process which has been undertaken. I answered the previous question, and I think they are almost trying to re prosecute the same question.

There was no direction given under the act to the board and you cannot give informal directions; you can only provide advice and obviously meet. There are going to be elements that are commercial-in-confidence, so I would need to get more specifics from the member as to what she is seeking.

Jobs

Ms FARMER: My question is of the Minister for Education and Minister for Tourism, Major Events and the Commonwealth Games. Will the minister advise how the Palaszczuk government's school infrastructure program is supporting jobs growth in Queensland?

Ms JONES: I thank the member for Bulimba for her strong advocacy on behalf of schools in her electorate. We know that with a record investment of \$667 million in brand new infrastructure build and a maintenance program we are changing the face of education in Queensland. It was great to be back at Bulimba State School with the honourable member and their fantastic principal, Mr Zeuschner, to announce even more funding to cater for the growth that you are seeing in that suburb. In actual fact, under construction right now are 10 classrooms and a new resource centre worth \$4.8 million. Right across this state we are seeing major investment to improve the quality of learning in our schools.

Not only are we seeing new infrastructure and investment—including the work I inspected in Cairns recently with the member for Barron River—but it is also supporting more than 7,000 jobs across our state. Not only are we investing in the front line with new classrooms and improved maintenance but we are also investing in jobs. We know there is a stark contrast between Labor in government with our focus on delivering good quality education, extra teachers and extra teacher aides, record spending on infrastructure and addressing the maintenance backlog. We know that when the member for Clayfield was in government he promised to fix the maintenance backlog, but he left us with a \$260 million black hole. What we have seen since he became the Leader of the Opposition some 280 days ago is that you cannot trust a word that the member for Clayfield says.

We all know what he preferred to be doing, but now we have seen him going into pubs around regional Queensland and ordering a schooner of XXX beer. This is a man who says one thing and does another. This is a man who many years ago stood up here as a proud Liberal and said that he did not believe in doing deals with One Nation, but you only have to read the *Australian* to see his true colours. Here he is in the *Australian* saying, 'I'm happy to do a preference deal with One Nation but we certainly wouldn't govern with them.' What a fraud and a fake. It is like saying to your wife, 'I am on a diet,' but sneaking to the KFC drive-through for a Colonel burger on the way home. This man says and does whatever it takes. We know that he has no principles.

This is a man who is all ribs and no spine. Tim Nicholls should stand up for what he says he believes in. What happened to the member for Clayfield or the lovely councillor who blessed us when he planted a million trees when he used to believe in climate change? That was a decade ago. I say to the member for Clayfield that it is now or never. He should stand up and say whether he is willing to do a deal with One Nation and govern with One Nation. He should grow a backbone. We know that there used to be a Liberal Party—

(Time expired)

Queensland Rail, Enterprise Agreement

Mr MANDER: My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier deny that a deal was done with the rail unions to eliminate the 20-minute break after every two hours by offering overtime on demand, which resulted in workers being paid to sit in lunch rooms for full shifts, even when overtime was not warranted?

Ms PALASZCZUK: I thank the member for the question. If he has any evidence I am prepared to look at it, but that is not my understanding. The member opposite did mention a deal. The only deal I know about is the deal between the LNP and One Nation. I say to the Deputy Leader of the Opposition: watch out, the member for Buderim wants your position as deputy.

Whilst I am on my feet, I seek to correct the record. In relation to the photo I referred to earlier, I inadvertently said that it was from Slovenia. It was actually from Slovakia.


Mr SPEAKER: Premier, I think you have answered the question.

Ms PALASZCZUK: Just to clarify the record, it is some 14,000 kilometres away from Queensland.

Interruption.

PRIVILEGE

Correction to Record of Proceedings


 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (11.31 am): Mr Speaker, I rise on a matter of privilege suddenly arising. Insofar as I referred to Slovenia and not Slovakia, I apologise. I apologise to the people of the Republic of Slovenia.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you. Resume your seat.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Resumed from p. 34.

Regional Queensland, Jobs

 **Ms DONALDSON:** My question is to the Minister for State Development. Will the minister update the House on how the Palaszczuk government is meeting its election commitment to deliver jobs and livability for communities across regional Queensland?

Dr LYNHAM: I thank the member for Bundaberg for her question. I was in Bundaberg just last week. It was a magnificent time in a magnificent area. On the second anniversary of the Palaszczuk government coming to office, our \$375 million Building our Regions program is delivering on jobs, delivering on economic development and delivering for Queenslanders. In the electorate of Bundaberg, Building our Regions has delivered \$10 million for works on the Bundaberg sports and community centre and another \$5 million for works at the Rubyanna Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Let us compare and contrast this with the old Royalties for the Regions program of those opposite. When Bundaberg was represented by those opposite they invested \$3.4 million and they achieved \$5.8 million worth of projects under their dodgy Royalties for the Regions program. Under Building our Regions, because of proper process and with no political interference, we put in \$15 million and generated \$88 million worth of projects for the people of Bundaberg. That is 15 times the value of their dodgy Royalties for the Regions because of proper process and not dodgy pork-barrelling.

Round 3 is now six months ahead of schedule, meaning regional jobs being realised sooner. There are 37 expressions of interest in round 3. I encourage councils to get their expressions of interest in so we can get these projects moving in their communities. There are 93 critical infrastructure projects funded under the first two rounds. These 93 projects will support 1,300 valuable jobs in our regions.

We committed to the people of Queensland that we would establish funds for infrastructure in and around provincial towns and in rural, mining and remote communities. In just 14 months we have been able to get over \$23 million out to councils to build our regions and grow these jobs. Let us compare and contrast this with the dodgy Royalties for the Regions program of those opposite. Round 1 of the discredited program those opposite are so desperate to bring back churned out only \$10 million. We put out \$23 million, while those opposite put out \$10 million in the same time frame with their dodgy program. Royalties for the Regions was slow and dodgy and projects were decided by politicians. Building our Regions is fast, job creating and value for money and projects are decided by the independent panel.

(Time expired)

Mr SPEAKER: Before I call the member for Mount Ommaney, member for Hinchinbrook, you have had a pretty good go. You are now warned under standing order 253A.

Queensland Rail, Enterprise Agreement

Mrs SMITH: My question is to the Premier. I refer the Premier to Queensland Rail's 2016 in-principle enterprise agreement. The Premier said on 9 November—

It is the same enterprise agreement signed under the former government. There is nothing new.

I table a document, released under right to information.

Tabled paper: Document, undated, titled 'Enterprise Agreement provisions—Recruitment' [153].

I ask: why did the Premier suck up to her union mates by adding a fourth step to the recruitment process, making it more difficult to recruit new train crew externally?

Mr HINCHLIFFE: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I ask you to give some guidance to the member for Mount Ommaney about appropriate language in the parliament.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you. Member for Mount Ommaney, I find your question had components which were unparliamentary. Can you kindly withdraw those words or resume your seat.

Mrs SMITH: I withdraw. I will rephrase the question, Mr Speaker. I refer the Premier to Queensland Rail's 2016 in-principle enterprise agreement, of which the Premier said on 9 November—
It is the same enterprise agreement signed under the former government. There is nothing new.

I have tabled the document released under right to information, and I ask: why did the Premier seek to appease the unions by adding a fourth step to the recruitment process, making it more difficult to recruit new train crew externally?

Ms PALASZCZUK: I thank the member for the question. My understanding is that the practices in the former agreement were essentially the same. Issues such as—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. The Premier is answering the question and it is relevant.

Ms PALASZCZUK: Essentially, issues such as overtime, recruitment processes and promotion opportunities were very similar to those that were certified on 21 October 2013. I have made it very clear to everyone that I need everyone to work together. I need Queensland Rail working with the union movement, working with the chair of the board, Phillip Strachan, and working with the Deputy Premier to ensure the trains get fixed. Unlike those opposite, we will not sell it. Those opposite were getting ready to sell off Queensland Rail for privatisation, as per the Costello recommendations.

I personally thank the front-line staff who have been working hard. The other day the Deputy Premier and I had the opportunity to meet some of the new trainee drivers. They love their job and they want to make sure they are delivering a good service to the people of Queensland.

The people of South-East Queensland deserve to have a good rail network that is reliable and sustainable. That is what my government is focused on. That is why we commissioned Phillip Strachan to do the independent inquiry in relation to what went wrong last year. He was thorough, he was comprehensive and he got to the bottom of it. We also need to change the culture in Queensland Rail. This is not going to happen overnight, but if we all work together the change will come about. I tell members what we will not be doing, unlike those opposite: we will not be suspending the training schools. It was very clearly identified in the Strachan report that there was a period of time where the training schools were suspended. If they were not suspended, we would have had more drivers. That is true: if they were not suspended, we would have had more drivers. The Deputy Premier is focused and my government is focused. At the end of the day, it is about providing a sustainable service to the people of the south-east.

Skilling Queenslanders for Work

Mr MADDEN: My question is directed to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills. Will the minister please update the House on how the Palaszczuk government has delivered training and experience for out-of-work Queenslanders since coming to government two years ago?

Mrs D'ATH: I thank the member for Ipswich West for the question and for his commitment to important initiatives such as Skilling Queenslanders for Work and for understanding the benefit it gives to his community and how important it was that the Palaszczuk government brought this program back for Queenslanders, because a government that is committed to jobs is committed to training and investing in these sorts of intervention programs where we can provide support and training to those most vulnerable in the community, and that is what Skilling Queenslanders for Work does. It helps disengaged youth, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and non-English-speaking migrants who need employment in order to build a new life in Queensland. It also of course helps people with disabilities. That is what these great programs do.

Last week I was very proud that we announced the latest round of Skilling Queenslanders for Work. Some \$33.8 million is going into our communities to fund more than 5,700 places for training and assistance in 175 new projects. Almost 14,000 people have already completed or commenced a program in the past 18 months. I am very proud to say that more than 5,100 people have either gained employment already, have gone on to further training or have re-engaged in education. They are fantastic results in only 18 months and we know that those figures are going to grow.

I am also proud that this is not a program just for South-East Queensland; it is about helping people right across the regions. Last week I had the great pleasure of being in Toowoomba to announce this latest round and to not only visit Toowoomba Clubhouse and look at the great work it is doing but also visit the Toowoomba YWCA and many of the women who have gone through the Skilling Queenslanders for Work program there have fled domestic violence. I want to acknowledge those very amazing and very brave women whom I met who have broken away from that violent relationship, often with children, to start a new life and be engaged with this program.

I am sad to say that I was supposed to go to Toowoomba a couple of weeks earlier for a graduation, but the graduation had to be cancelled because the majority of the participants could not turn up. The good news is that the reason they could not turn up was that they all had jobs, and I want more graduations being cancelled because they are already in employment before they even graduate. I am also pleased to say that the Darling Downs is benefiting from \$2.7 million from this program with 327 places and 19 new projects. That means Toowoomba, Dalby, Stanthorpe, Charleville and Roma are all benefiting from this great project.

(Time expired)

Biggera Waters State School

Miss BARTON: My question is directed to the Minister for Education. I refer to Biggera Waters State School in my electorate. The school, established in 1970, has a telephone system which is unreliable and has resulted in teachers using their mobile phones for emergency and internal phone calls. The school has been told it is its responsibility to fund the upgrade of this phone system out of vital curriculum funding. Will the minister commit to upgrading the phone system, which is older than me, or is it the school's responsibility?


Mr SPEAKER: Minister for Education, you have one minute.

Ms JONES: I am happy to have a look at that and happy to talk to the member straight after question time if the member for Broadwater would like, but I say this: no matter whether on the Gold Coast or across regional Queensland or in South-East Queensland, not one school has ever said to me that they supported the 500 cuts to teachers that the member's government delivered.

Mr SPEAKER: Question time has finished.


MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Correction of Private Member's Statement; Alcohol Fuelled Violence

 **Hon. AJ LYNHAM** (Stafford—ALP) (Minister for State Development and Minister for Natural Resources and Mines) (11.45 am): I rise to correct the record. It has been brought to my attention that, while the \$50,000 donation from Chalk on Stanley to the LNP was declared to the AEC in January, it is included in the ECQ returns for the first half of 2016. It was still made after the committee report was handed down and the Leader of the Opposition still has significant questions to answer.

PUBLIC HEALTH (MEDICINAL CANNABIS AFFORDABILITY) AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction

 **Mr DICKSON** (Buderim—PHON) (11.45 am): I present a bill for an act to amend the Public Health (Medicinal Cannabis) Act 2016 to ensure the affordability of the lawful treatment of persons with whole plant medicinal cannabis. I table the bill and the explanatory notes. I nominate the Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper: Public Health (Medicinal Cannabis Affordability) Amendment Bill 2017 [\[154\]](#).

Tabled paper: Public Health (Medicinal Cannabis Affordability) Amendment Bill 2017, explanatory notes [\[155\]](#).

This bill will insert a new section 214A into the Public Health (Medicinal Cannabis) Act 2016. This act, passed last year with bipartisan support, and support of the crossbench, will allow Queenslanders access to medicinal cannabis from 1 March. The problem is that no legal, locally produced products will be available by this date. As is often the case, for people requiring access now, the wheels of

government are not turning fast enough. These people have been reliant upon illegal black market options and there is no relief in sight. I call on the Queensland government to ensure affordable whole plant medicinal cannabis is made available in Queensland to patients now while a local industry under the Commonwealth licensing scheme further matures.

Currently there is no amnesty in Queensland for medicinal cannabis users. The Queensland Health website is quite clear on the matter. It states that Queensland does not have an amnesty scheme. It details that some jurisdictions have an amnesty approach or a compassionate use scheme. This gives police the discretion not to prosecute someone found in possession of cannabis if they are using it for medical reasons. This is a police discretionary power, not a full amnesty. It clearly states that this approach is not supported by the Queensland government. This is because in Queensland all patients receiving medicinal cannabis treatment may only use a lawfully obtained product. This is preferable to a compassionate use scheme because it provides access without supporting the illegal or black market cannabis industry; treatment is prescribed and monitored by a doctor rather than encouraging the patient to self-medicate; and the prescribed product used will be of known consistency and quality.

Medicinal cannabis use is only lawful when the cultivation, manufacture, prescribing and supply complies with all applicable Commonwealth and state and territory laws. Over time, medicinal cannabis supplies will be easier to access, removing the need for a compassionate use scheme. Here is the kicker: even the government's own website recognises a need for a compassionate use scheme. There is a need for easier access to medicinal cannabis here in Queensland. It is time that the Queensland government addresses this need. Why can Queensland patients not benefit from compassionate use while the government works with growers and producers on an Australian product that should be safe, reliable and legally available and affordable? It is not just the Queensland government that needs to take action; One Nation has also called on the Prime Minister to intervene and provide amnesty for users and suppliers of this vital life-saving drug so that many people and families are no longer forced to do this in secret.

The Prime Minister has since come out and said that he does not support a medicinal cannabis amnesty. He said it would be irresponsible, because there are no controls over medicines bought outside the official channels. The only thing irresponsible is that the Australian government and the Queensland government have decided that, while we all wait for Australian companies to work through the lengthy and detailed process of obtaining the required permits and licences to legally grow, produce and distribute medicinal cannabis, they should sit back and provide no alternative for desperate patients and their families. That is what I believe is irresponsible.

It is irresponsible when you know that there are people out there in the community whom you are representing suffering because you are willing to sit back because you think that you have ticked all the boxes and change is just moving along. This time, that is simply not enough. I fail to understand how my fellow state and federal members of parliament are unwilling to provide real solutions and real relief while the wheels of legislative change are slowly turning in the background. I can assure members that the community expects better from all of us and the world is watching. I can assure members that, when people are faced with having to break a stupid and unconscionable law for the sake of their child's health, it is not really a hard decision for them.

An issue like amnesty for access to medicinal cannabis while the Queensland community awaits access to legally and locally produced medication deserves support from all of us in this chamber. This is where we should set aside our differences and act, because it is the right thing to do. It is the right thing to do by the parents of these children in need and the adults who are suffering daily, it is the right thing to do by the many advocates who have worked tirelessly and it is the right thing to do for all Queenslanders outside the media spotlight who are afraid of that knock on the door in the middle of the night. They should not have to live in fear of the police. They should not have to live in fear of being charged and having a criminal record. They should not have to live in fear of a police raid because the one medication that is helping their loved one is no longer available.

Members should also understand that, even though the laws will allow specialists to prescribe medicinal cannabis oil products to patients from March, families may not be able to afford it and the medications may not work as well as the ones they currently use. Local medicinal cannabis advocate Steve Peek has estimated that it would cost \$7,000 a month to access Therapeutic Goods Administration approved cannabis medication from Canada and, even then, those products would still be different from the one that had been effective in treating his daughter, Suli. That is a very long and costly process to obtain overseas medication and how do you know that it is going to work? Mr Peek

also fears that many doctors would refuse to prescribe the oil, like his daughter's specialist did, because of the lack of scientific evidence about its benefits. It is for Steve Peek and Queenslanders like him that we need to take action now to prevent any needless suffering.

This bill calls on the Queensland government and calls on the health minister to take steps to ensure that whole plant cannabis is affordable. This is something that can be achieved now. This is something that will make a meaningful difference to those who desperately require access to whole plant medicinal cannabis now.

If the government is seriously concerned that patients are treating themselves with powerful medicine sourced from the illicit market because there are no controls over the safety and quality of the medicine, how about utilising a government entity such as the CSIRO for the growing and manufacturing and/or testing of medicinal cannabis until commercial licences are in place? We can direct the police not to charge genuine medicinal cannabis users with drug related offences and stop raids on compassionate suppliers. We can work with the Australian government to ensure that there are no unnecessary restrictions on the importation of whole plant medicinal cannabis and we can look at subsidising treatment.

I implore all members to support this bill. I ask for unified support for some of those who are most in need in this state.

First Reading

Mr DICKSON (Buderim—PHON) (11.53 am): I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.

Motion agreed to.


Bill read a first time.

Referral to the Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Crawford): In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee.

BAIL (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE) AND ANOTHER ACT AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction

 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (11.54 am): I present a bill for an act to amend the Bail Act 1980 and the Corrective Services Act 2008 for particular purposes. I table the bill and explanatory notes. I nominate the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper: Bail (Domestic Violence) and Another Act Amendment Bill 2017 [\[156\]](#).

Tabled paper: Bail (Domestic Violence) and Another Act Amendment Bill 2017, explanatory notes [\[157\]](#).

Two weeks ago today, Teresa Bradford was tragically murdered by her estranged husband in her Pimpama home on the northern Gold Coast in front of her kids. In fact, today is the day of Teresa's funeral. I know that everyone in this place passes on their condolences and thoughts to her family and friends on this very sad occasion.

Teresa's attacker was released on bail only just weeks earlier following an unsuccessful attempt on her life late last year. It is a heart-wrenching story that would have brought a tear to the eye of most Queenslanders but, sadly, it is not an isolated case. Last year, Queensland accounted for a quarter—just think of that, a quarter—of all domestic violence related deaths in Australia, with 18 Queensland women dying at the hands of their partner. We have heard time and time again from domestic violence victims and their families and support groups that something has to be done about dealing with this insidious crime. We know what the problems are and that action is needed now to protect victims and their families. We do not need another review, or another task force, or another talkfest.

One of the fundamental pillars of any government must be community safety. One of the fundamental parts of the compact between government, the lawmakers, and the governed is community safety—people being safe in their own homes. We have to deal with that issue no matter how hard the subject is. This bill is all about putting community safety first. It is time for the government to work for

the people, not the other way around. Talk is cheap and now is the time for action. That is why over the past weeks we have announced that we would be introducing the strong reforms that the community has been asking for. We have listened to the community and we are acting on their concerns.

As we have already announced publicly, the bill introduces five key reforms to the statute books to rebalance the scales of justice in favour of community safety, ensuring that the law has more regard for victims and their safety. Firstly, the bill reverses the presumption of bail for an alleged offender charged with a relevant domestic violence offence by amending section 16 of the current Bail Act that deals with refusal of bail. A relevant domestic violence offence is defined as an offence against section 315A of the Criminal Code, which is choking, suffocation or strangulation in a domestic setting; an offence against section 355, which is deprivation of liberty; an offence against section 359E, which is unlawful stalking; an offence against section 461, which is arson; or an offence against a provision of the Criminal Code mentioned in schedule 1 of the Penalties and Sentences Act 1992, which defines a serious violent offence. These offences include, but are not limited to, grievous bodily harm, torture, serious assaults, rape, wounding and assault occasioning bodily harm.

As outlined by the Australian Law Reform Commission, most other states have already dealt with and enacted similar bail reforms for domestic and family related violence offences to protect victims and their families. Queensland is one of the last states to act on this reform. The *Not now, not ever* report, commissioned by the former LNP government in 2014, said—

... the Taskforce recommends recording on a person's criminal record that the offence was in the context of domestic and family violence. This allows courts to consider the perpetrator's history and conduct in subsequent sentencing for similar matters.

This is the important part—

A history of violence would also exclude any presumption of bail for perpetrators arrested by police for domestic and family violence related offences.

It is important that we are clear on what the report says, so I will repeat it—

A history of violence would also exclude any presumption of bail for perpetrators arrested by police for domestic and family violence related offences.

Unfortunately, the Palaszczuk government has enacted only the first part of that recommendation and not the second part in relation to bail. That is why we are introducing this long overdue change. It was recommended by Dame Quentin Bryce's task force, it has been enacted in most other states and territories and it is part of the response that is needed to ensure our laws better protect domestic violence victims and their families.

Secondly, the bill establishes a special bail condition for a tracking device, otherwise known as a GPS tracker, which can be imposed by a court or a police officer authorised to grant bail against a person charged with a relevant domestic violence offence. There is currently a trial of a similar bail condition that is underway in New South Wales that involves the use of this technology to keep victims safe. The technology is there and it works. We should not be delaying simply because there might be a new technology or a new development in relation to these GPS trackers in the future. We know they work now.

Thirdly, the bill establishes a new alert system, effectively a DV alert system for a victim of a relevant domestic violence offence when the defendant applies for bail, is released on bail or receives a variation to a bail condition. This alert system will inform victims at the time of the bail application and at the time of the decision to release a defendant on bail, ensuring that the victim and their family can take the necessary steps to protect themselves if they need to. I might point out that that was certainly something that was raised by a number of mothers of women who had suffered because that particular provision was not in place. They could not take action to protect themselves simply because they did not know that the bail application was being processed.

The bill also establishes a similar process for parole. This is based on a recommendation of the Women's Legal Service as part of the Sofronoff parole review, a review which, I might add, we are yet to see. The bill provides a mandatory notification to a domestic violence victim when a prisoner applies for and receives parole, even if the offence for which they have been convicted does not directly relate to the domestic violence victim. Currently these victims are unable to obtain details about the release date as they are not the victim of the specific offence that the prisoner has been convicted of and incarcerated for.

Finally, the bill introduces a provision to allow for an urgent review of a bail decision by a higher court. The process allows for a prosecutor or other person appearing on behalf of the Crown to apply for an urgent review of a bail release decision and the decision about the release—that is, the bail release order—is stayed until the earlier of the following three events occurs: the higher court, the

reviewing court, makes an order subject to additional or substitute evidence; the review application is discontinued; or 4 pm on the day that is three business days after the day on which the original decision about release was made. Again, this is not new. This is a provision that is based upon section 40 of the New South Wales Bail Act and it only applies in cases involving a domestic violence related offence. To ensure this provision is used effectively to protect people from domestic violence the minister must ensure the operation of this provision is reviewed as soon as practicable two years after its commencement. The minister is also required to table a report in the Legislative Assembly as soon as practicable after the review has finished.

Should the bill be passed by the House, and I urge all members to do the right and proper thing, then the strong reforms that we are proposing will commence on assent. I want to thank and acknowledge the shadow Attorney-General, Ian Walker; the shadow minister for women and prevention of domestic and family violence, a true champion of this cause, Ros Bates; and the shadow minister for police, fire and emergency services, Tim Mander, for their assistance in the formulation of this package of strong bail and parole reforms.

More importantly, I also want to pay tribute to all of the victims and the families of domestic violence in Queensland. Many of them have directly contacted my office or been directly involved in supporting and advocating for change. This includes three very special women who have championed the cause to create a legacy for the daughters they have lost to this insidious crime: Dale Shales, the mother of Teresa Bradford, who joined me on Sunday; Bonnie Mobbs, the mother of Shelsea Schilling, who joined me two weeks ago; and Sonia Anderson, the mother of Bianca Girven. In fact, Sonia is in the public gallery to witness the introduction of these historic reforms. On behalf of all members I welcome her to Parliament House. To meet Sonia is to meet someone who does not give up in the face of adversity. She still greets every day with a smile on her face. When I spoke to her about how she did it, her answer was, 'I just have to keep doing it. It is the way I look at life and this is what Bianca would have wanted me to do.' To Sonia, who is here today, I say welcome and I hope that we can do something to make that memory just that little bit less painful for you into the future.

I want to read into *Hansard* letters from Sonia, Dale and Bonnie because they wanted all members to know what they have gone through and what we can do to stop more innocent lives from being lost. The first one is from Dale Shales, Teresa's mother. Her letter states—

To all Members of the Queensland Parliament

This letter is to urge all Members of the Queensland Parliament to support changes to our domestic violence laws.

My daughter was Teresa Bradford. Her death at the hands of her estranged partner whilst he was on bail has left my grandchildren without a mother and me without a daughter.

I am angry at the system that let her down.

As a community we must never give up trying to stop domestic violence. I know that is what Teresa would want.

I am asking every politician to get behind the changes the LNP are introducing.

We need to ensure the courts have the power to use GPS technology to track alleged domestic violence offenders on bail.

It's time we put victims first and took away the automatic assumption of bail being granted. This is why I am also calling on politicians to support the changes to the presumption of bail and the introduction of an alert system for victims with protection orders when a perpetrator is being considered for or is given bail and parole.

The laws need to be changed so that more victims and families don't go through what my family is going through now.

I call on all Members of the Parliament to support these changes being introduced.

Thank you

Dale Shales.

I table that letter.

Tabled paper: Letter, undated, from Ms Dale Shales to members of the Queensland parliament regarding changes to domestic violence laws [\[158\]](#).

The letter from Sonia states—

Dear Members of the Queensland Parliament

As a matter of urgency we need to step up and act as one to stamp out domestic violence and ultimately domestic homicide. Any act of domestic violence is the path to domestic homicide.

I am a mother who lost her beautiful first born daughter, Bianca Faith Girven, in a senseless act of violence in 2010. Bianca was 22, and left behind a young son, Ziggy, who was just 20 months old.

Before her death, Bianca herself was a strong advocate for women's rights and supporting victims of domestic violence and homelessness.

Since Bianca's death I have been continuing her work to advocate for change so we can protect and help more women impacted by domestic violence.

Sadly I am not alone in what is an all too familiar story for many Queensland families. The 10 minutes prior to my Bianca's death were particularly cruel and brutal, as is often the case in these murders. Our Queensland women are the ones experiencing true terrorism, and heinous deaths.

We often hear 'enough is enough' but we need to **stop the talk** and **start to act** to make the laws work for victims and their families.

It's time we put victims first and took away the automatic assumption of bail being granted in domestic violence situations.

Last Sunday I spoke out in support of the alert system for DV victims being proposed by the LNP because I believe victims and families should be notified when an alleged perpetrator is being considered for bail or an offender is being considered for parole.

We need to empower victims, not shut them out.

Any law that increases the safety for victims must have the support of all sides of politics.

I urge on all Members of the Parliament to support these changes being introduced in the Bill presented by the Queensland LNP Opposition.

Regards

Sonia Anderson.

I table that letter.

Tabled paper: Letter, undated, from Ms Sonia Anderson to members of the Queensland parliament regarding changes to domestic violence laws [159].

Then I have this letter from Bonnie Mobbs. It states—

To all Members of the Queensland Parliament

My name is Bonnie Mobbs. In late 2016 my daughter Shelsea Schilling was murdered by her ex-boyfriend after he had been released from prison for breaching a domestic violence order.

At the time of his release no one in our family was notified despite being named persons on a domestic violence protection order.

Domestic violence needs to stop and we need to ensure the system protects victims of domestic violence and their families.

I would encourage all politicians to support the changes being introduced by the LNP.

These changes as I understand them will reverse the presumption of bail, introduce an alert for victims and named persons on orders when a perpetrator is being considered for or is given bail and parole.

I fully support the use of GPS technology to track alleged domestic violence offenders if they are given bail.

We have to do whatever it takes to stop domestic violence and that is why I am supporting these changes.

I am urging all Members of the Parliament to support these changes.

Regards

Bonnie Mobbs.

I table that letter.

Tabled paper: Letter, undated, from Ms Bonnie Mobbs to members of the Queensland parliament regarding changes to domestic violence laws [160].

Since the tragic death of Teresa Bradford, there has been a resolute commitment from me and all of my team to do more to protect victims of domestic and family violence in Queensland. I commend the bill to the House.

First Reading

Mr NICHOLLS (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (12.10 pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

Referral to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Crawford): Order! In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee.

Portfolio Committee, Reporting Date

Mr NICHOLLS (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (12.10 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—


That under the provisions of standing order 136 the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee report to the House on the Bail (Domestic Violence) and Another Act Amendment Bill by 17 March 2017.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

PRIVILEGE

Same Question Rule

 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (12.10 pm): I note that the bill has just been presented to the House and I have had a chance to look at it only very briefly, while listening intently to the Leader of the Opposition. Mr Deputy Speaker, through you, I ask that the Speaker rule on the private member's bill that was just introduced by the Leader of the Opposition. I note that the Bail (Domestic Violence) and Another Act Amendment Bill, as presented, seems to seek to introduce provisions relating to the notification of victims of crime, which is a matter that the Leader of the Opposition made some reference to. The Victims of Crime Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016, which was introduced to the House by the government on 1 December last year and is currently before the House, having been referred to the committee, contains within it provisions that appear to be very similar to matters contained within the private member's bill.


I note in the government's bill, schedule 1AA Charter of victims' rights, part 1, division 2, headed 'Rights relating to the criminal justice system', specifically prescribes the notification of victims to ensure that they are kept informed about proceedings and decisions made in relation to crime, including outcomes or changes of bail applications. Further, I note that part 2 refers to eligible persons, which seems to be quite similar to some of the matters contained within the Victims of Crime Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill.

While acknowledging that this bill is freshly before the House, I ask that Mr Speaker considers this concern and rules on whether the same question prohibition is offended.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you, Leader of the House. I invite you, and anyone from the opposition who wishes to, to write to me on that matter. I am happy to receive your submissions and make a decision in the future.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Domestic and Family Violence, Law Reform; Palaszczuk Labor Government, Performance

 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (12.12 pm): Having just introduced the bill, the comments by the Leader of the House—and I understand what he is doing—go to the very heart of the problem that we are dealing with here, which is process over outcome. This is clearly a matter of significant public interest. What we have in this circumstance is quite clearly nitpicking. It is nothing more than nitpicking. How can this government stand here today and say, 'Will you please look at it, because it sounds the same'? Instead, the Leader of the House could have said, 'Do you know what? It has been too long. Do you know what? Too many women have died. Do you know what? Too many kids do not live in proper families, because people have been perpetuating domestic and family violence.' It is time to stand up and do something. It is not time to nitpick on process.

If the member for Sandgate had wanted to have a conversation about it, all he needed to do was grab me on the way out and say, 'Listen, let's chat about it. Let's sort it out.' Do you know what? We want to make this work. We want to support you in doing this. This morning in answer to questions, I heard the Premier talking about bipartisanship. Where was the bipartisanship in not inviting the shadow minister onto the implementation committee? I have not had that phone call. Where was the bipartisanship that she was crowing about so loudly in terms of reviewing the recommendation of the *Not now, not ever* report? I have not had that phone call in any way, shape or form.

As we have been since the beginning of this parliament, we remain steadfastly committed to supporting reform to domestic and family violence laws. We have agreed with every piece of legislation brought into this House to strengthen domestic and family violence laws. Where we have found a mistake, we have negotiated with the government on changes that we believed could make it better. We have moved amendments to improve the legislation to make it better. We are not proud in relation to having to listen and make amendments to legislation if it can be made better. However, we are determined to make it better and not to sit here hiding behind reviews such as the parole review, which we are still waiting to hear from in relation to events that led to the tragic death of a grandmother in North Queensland. We are not prepared to sit here and wait for further reviews when action can be taken now.

We have not put anything into this legislation that has not been tried or is not being done in another state in Australia. It is all there. Yes, we have spoken to the Law Society. Yes, we have spoken to the police. Yes, they have some concerns and we acknowledge those concerns, as we always do. However, ultimately it is up to us in this place to make a decision. It is for the Law Society to make a decision. They are not elected by the people of Queensland. It is not up to the police. It is up to the lawmakers in this House to make the tough decisions. It is up to us to make the call and to make the decision. If those opposite will not do that, we will. If this Premier refuses to act, I will. If she will not do what she is paid to do, we will. That is why we have introduced this bill and it is why I am so disappointed in what the member for Sandgate has done. I actually think that the member for Sandgate, on his good days—this is serious—actually believes in the power of this place to do good things. I think we all do. However, we have to understand that we have to do things and, so far, nothing has been done on these matters, which is why we are taking part in it.

Of course, we will address the issues raised, but the matters in this bill do deal with separate issues. They clearly deal with separate issues. We will be very happy to see this bill debated as soon as possible because, as I read out in those letters and as my colleagues the member for Everton, the member for Mansfield and the member for Mudgeeraba know from the heart-wrenching conversations that we have had with mothers of young women who have lost their lives at the hands of their partners or estranged partners, it is taking too long and we cannot wait any further. Therefore, I will discuss this matter with the member for Sandgate and we will resolve this. We will get it sorted, so that this legislation can be brought back and we can then test the mettle of members of this place, to see whether they are prepared to do the right thing.

Talking about reviewing and not doing, this government is beset by crisis, instability and inaction. All we see from those opposite are reshuffles and reviews. As new ministers are sworn in, the attention is on the factional plays over who is getting what job and where they are going. They had five days to find a new minister, but even he did not know what job he was going to have. How long did it take to find a new minister when the member for Bundaberg departed? Poor old Bill is back in the saddle again. They have more concern for what their jobs are than jobs for Queenslanders. We have seen 43,000 jobs lost in regional Queensland as reported in the media.

As this team travels, as we have constantly—whether we are in Townsville where they are worried about jobs, crime, the lack of investment and being ignored or whether we are in Bundaberg where they are worried about exactly the same issues—the one thing that comes through loud and clear is that there are too many reviews and not enough dos. This is an administration plagued by paralysis and incapable of actually making a decision. It is the people of Queensland and the Queensland economy that is suffering.

Business confidence in Queensland continues to be in negative territory and it has been ever since the election of the Palaszczuk government. That is because confidence is weighed down by the Palaszczuk Labor government's inability to make the tough decisions. As outlined by the CCIQ's Pulse survey, inaction from the Palaszczuk Labor government is one of the top two factors negatively impacting confidence here in Queensland. It states—

While global concerns continue to pre-occupy many businesses, domestic issues, and in particular the performance of the Queensland government, persists as a significant negative influence on overall business confidence. A high proportion of businesses indicated that inactivity of the Queensland Government on key policies is significantly restricting the growth potential of small business in this state.

All we see from this government is review after review. In just two years the government has started around 150 reviews, task forces and inquiries. That is a rate of more than six every month. After commissioning these reviews, at a significant cost to the taxpayer, the government has shown a propensity to sit on them for as long as possible to avoid actually having to make a tough decision about the contents of the report.

Ms Grace interjected.

Mr NICHOLLS: I hear the member for the Brisbane Central piping away over there. All we need to do is ask: how is the racing industry going right now under the member for Brisbane Central? I think the member for Brisbane Central's view is a bit like her view on youth unemployment, the young unemployed are always with us. The problem for the member for Brisbane Central is that the racing industry is always with her as well. The racing industry is always with us, but the member for Brisbane Central wishes it was not.

Ms Grace interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Minister for Industrial Relations, you will be warned under standing order 253A if you persist.

Mr NICHOLLS: It took her so long to get in there, you would think she would want to hang around. She might get scratched at the next race.

(Time expired)

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Clayfield, before you resume your seat, can I thank you for your willingness to sit down and talk with the Leader of Government Business in relation to that bill and the matters that you have spoken about. Thank you very much.

Queensland Rail



Mr PEGG (Stretton—ALP) (12.23 pm): We just heard a lot of criticism of the government from the member for Clayfield. What the member for Clayfield did not talk about was his contribution to the recent performance of Queensland Rail, including the cancellation of some services following the opening of the Redcliffe peninsula line last year. I would like to enlighten the House about that today.

I am glad to say that the government responded almost immediately and acted in a highly principled manner, setting up a commission of inquiry into the train crewing practices of QR and accepting all 36 recommendations in the report as soon as it was released last Monday. Unfortunately, what some people may be unaware of, and certainly the member for Clayfield will not mention, is the contributions made by those opposite to this situation. Although the Strachan commission of inquiry does not apportion blame, if one reads the full report carefully and looks at the facts, it is quite clear that the LNP have made a substantial contribution to the situation our government has to deal with today.

Essentially, their 2012-13 slash and burn budget and total ignorance of the train crewing requirements of QR led to things sliding out of control in 2013 and 2014. Let me explain in some detail exactly how the LNP and the member for Clayfield contributed to this situation. As I have mentioned before in this House, in 2012 the former treasurer, the member for Clayfield, had a field day with his ruthless 2012-13 state budget—a budget where over 14,000 public servants were sacked, \$1.5 billion was wiped from the state's capital program and the supposedly low tax LNP increased taxes by \$600 million.

As well as attacking hardworking Queenslanders and cutting everything he could find, the member for Clayfield attacked the transport portfolio, including QR, with some relish. The LNP announced it was going to cut 500 jobs from Queensland Rail as well as cutting the number of executive and general manager positions from 77 to 32, achieving forecast savings of \$117 million by 2014-15.

Put simply, the cuts to QR were almost pathological in their severity and outcome. This of course had an immediate and devastating effect on the operational capacity of QR, and it is extraordinary that those opposite would try to deny that they are in fact the ones responsible for the crewing situation, just as they tried to deny that their savage cuts would have any negative effect back in 2012. Although these cuts were not to apply to front-line staff, that did not stop the former transport minister, the member for Indooroopilly, applying these cuts to front-line services, seemingly oblivious to the detrimental effect it would have on network capacity just four years later.

Let me be more specific. As detailed in the Strachan report, eight tutor drivers and 10 train operations inspectors and drivers-in-charge left QR as a result of these cuts, even though the LNP at the time said that front-line staff would not be affected by them. Following this, in 2013 QR produced a workforce and resource plan forecasting a deficit in both drivers and guards. This was no surprise given the depth of the cuts insisted on by the member for Clayfield when he was treasurer and gleefully doled out by the member for Indooroopilly when he was the minister for transport.

Given that resourcing was being flagged as a major issue in 2013, how did the LNP deal with this forecast loss in capacity? They dealt with this by suspending all new driver intakes from February 2014, further reducing capacity on an already stressed Citytrain network and setting up the seeds for network failure that we witnessed late last year.

I am happy to see that QR recommended driver training as soon as this government came to power, but by then it was too late. The report states—

The Commission has identified that reductions in training programs and tutors was a contributing factor to the undersupply of train crew. Had training not been suspended, Queensland Rail would have had up to 30 more drivers in October 2016.

Just extraordinary, but it does not stop there. The report notes that in January 2014 construction of the Redcliffe peninsula line commenced yet no draft timetable integrating this line into the broader network was prepared until our government came to power in 2015.

My question to the member for Indooroopilly—and we might hear from him later—is: why did that not occur? Despite all the cuts and all the evidence, the former transport minister, the member for Indooroopilly, could not be bothered to check whether the new line would have any adverse effects on existing services or even if QR had the capacity to service this line in the future while not affecting existing operations.

We are happy to take responsibility for and fix the mistakes which began with the LNP, but, make no mistake, this was an LNP slash and burn job from those opposite and they should hang their heads in shame. I suggest the opposition stop criticising the government for the decisive action we have taken to deal with an issue that they have largely created. I also suggest that those opposite publicly congratulate the government for coming up with solutions for the LNP's problems.

Domestic and Family Violence



Ms BATES (Mudgeeraba—LNP) (12.28 pm): As we enter 2017, we continue to see victims of domestic and family violence failing to receive the support or services they need under this Labor government and this minister. For two years, this Labor government has failed to implement the roadmap laid out for it by the former LNP government. We know that when this government took office the LNP had already put in the hard yards to address the scourge of domestic and family violence by commissioning the Special Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence. Our landmark review, which culminated in the *Not now, not ever: putting an end to domestic and family violence in Queensland* final report, laid out a roadmap for the government of this state to implement to protect victims and their families and to ensure a system is there to support them.

The Premier received this report on 28 February 2015—just a fortnight after being sworn into office two years ago—but what have we seen from this government and the minister responsible in the 24 months since? We have seen this crucial roadmap rolled out far too slowly. We have seen women attempting to leave domestic violence situations only to learn that the services are often not there to support them when they do. We have seen 9,000 women and 13,000 children thrown into dangerous motels because a lack of crisis accommodation means that they have nowhere else to go. We have seen more than 22,000 domestic violence protection orders flooding the courts each year. Despite this figure, the Labor government is failing victims of domestic violence by allowing the trial Domestic and Family Violence Specialist Court to descend into a quagmire of delays. Victims are being left to wait up to 7½ months for a domestic violence application hearing date. Yet, despite assurances from the Attorney-General that we would see a review into the Gold Coast Domestic and Family Violence Specialist Court last year, it is now February and a review is nowhere to be seen.

It is no surprise that we have an Attorney-General and a Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence more interested in ducking for cover than doing their job and protecting victims. At the same time we have seen more domestic violence related murders which have shocked Queenslanders to the core. In all, despite the way forward being written there in black and white, only 46 of the 140 recommendations of the *Not now, not ever* report have actually been implemented. At this rate we will be waiting years for this roadmap to be fully laid out, but victims simply cannot afford to wait any longer, particularly when you consider that the second action plan for 2016 to 2019 has no mention of GPS trackers, which the government has made no commitment to roll out. It just talks about more reviews and research and not a lot of action.

The so-called Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence prevention claims her door is always open when it comes to looking at ways we can keep women and children safe. She clearly is not getting out beyond that open door and listening to front-line DV services, to police and to other groups that are all saying that the system is not working and that we need action now. We must act now—no more dithering.


Like the Leader of the Opposition, my fellow members and the people of Queensland, I was sickened by what happened to Teresa Bradford on the Gold Coast just weeks ago. These events should never have been allowed to happen. Queenslanders want action. What have we seen from this Labor government? We have seen a Premier and an Attorney-General claiming that they are going to review bail laws again and may get around to doing something after that. When you consider nine women died last year and one woman has been killed in DV related killings, we can never forget them or those who came before them.

At this point I personally acknowledge Sonia Anderson, who is here today. Sonia's daughter Bianca Gervin was cruelly taken from her in 2010, and since then Sonia has been an absolute champion to prevent domestic and family violence. I am proud to know you, Sonia, and for you to be here in the gallery today. It is for people like Sonia that I will never give up the fight to stop domestic violence and no amount of stonewalling will get in my way.

I applaud the Leader of the Opposition for having the courage and showing the leadership to introduce a private member's bill. As a community we can never give up or give in to domestic violence and we must do everything in our power to keep victims safe. Where the government refuses to do their job to protect victims, the opposition will step up and do it for them. We must never forget those who have been taken from us: Teresa Bradford, Shelsea Schilling, Melinda Horner, Michelle Reynolds, Olivia Tung, Sandra Peniamina, Manjinder Ghuman, Karina Lock, Tania Simpson, Tara Brown, Bianca Gervin, Fabiana Palhares, Renee Carter, Anthea Mari and Sherelle Locke. Many of these women are from the Gold Coast. These are women who are gone but will never be forgotten.

(Time expired)

Pine Rivers Electorate

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (12.33 pm): I rise today to report on progress I have made fighting for my local electorate. People in my electorate are not unreasonable—it is the basics that make a difference in their lives. They want to know that they can get a good job with fair pay and be treated with dignity. They want to spend as little time and money as possible travelling to and from that job. They want to know that their family is safe, with a place to call home that will not break the budget, with opportunities for their children and a good health system just in case the worst should happen. I know what my community want because they are the same things that I want in my life, and they are the things that provoked me to run to represent Pine Rivers in this place.

In my electorate I am proud to report that we have seen a drop in unemployment. Government programs like reducing the burden of payroll tax on business, incentives for local apprentices and the local jobs expos that I have hosted have helped, but more than that there is an attitude of confidence back in the Queensland economy that was not there under the previous government. In my community I see past the bureaucratic jargon to the difference that programs make in real people's lives. In my electorate, YDF, funded by this government's Skilling Queenslanders for Work program, takes the most marginalised young people and supports them to get their lives back on track and into the workforce and away from our justice system. This program puts \$8 back into the economy for every dollar invested in the program and it fights crime at the same time. Skilling Queenslanders for Work is a great Labor program delivered by this Labor government.

Our Fairer Fares initiative means real cost-of-living reductions for commuters. This is the biggest overhaul in public transport fees in over a decade. Fewer cars means less congestion and that means more time at home with the kids and less time sitting in traffic. A commuter travelling from Strathpine station to the CBD will be saving just under \$900 a year. Labor believes in public transport. That is why we deliver Labor programs like this in government.

My electorate has historically had a lower average income than the rest of Queensland. Every dollar counts and especially for those doing it tough in Pine Rivers. That is why under our government the electricity rebate has been extended to an additional 157,000 low-income Queenslanders who will save \$330 a year on their energy bills. Labor feels their pain because most of us at one time or another have been right where they are. It is only Labor that delivers policies that ease the cost of living.

I relied on the First Home Owners' Grant to be able to enter the property market and purchase my first home. That is why it means a lot to me to be part of a government that has seen the Queensland First Home Owners' Grant increased to \$20,000. This initiative will see Queenslanders realise their dream of owning their first home too.


Seeing the cuts firsthand under the LNP government was the single most compelling thing in my decision to contest the last election. I am proud that our government in 2015-16 created 1,940 jobs for nurses, 651 jobs for doctors, 479 jobs for health professionals and 54 jobs for paramedics. I am proud

of the health jobs that we have created, but I am particularly proud to be part of a party that opposes the sale of Medicare and supports bulk-billing. If you get sick in Queensland, you better hope that there is a Labor government in power.

The economy of the future will be defined by how we compete with our skills in a global marketplace. We literally cannot afford to lose the skills arms race. When last in power Labor introduced prep and now we complete the full promise of that program with compulsory prep starting next year. We have created an extra 940 jobs for teachers and teacher aides, meaning smaller class sizes and more individual support. Locally, I note federal Labor's funding commitment for a Petrie university and skills training centre at the last federal election—so far not matched by the Turnbull government. I will continue to fight for a university for the people of my electorate, because we refuse to get left behind.

I could go on: the major arterial road upgrades in our area promised, funded and being delivered by Labor; the rail bridge upgrades; the Strathpine railway station upgrade; the extra police officers and equipment like body worn cameras at Petrie station; the fair but effective organised crime legislation; the domestic violence projects funded under this government—all hallmarks of a Labor government connected with the communities' needs, making a positive difference in the lives of everyday Queenslanders, focused on our state's future.

Queensland Economy

 **Mr EMERSON** (Indooroopilly—LNP) (12.38 pm): It was a real delight to once again hear the member for Stretton. I always look over there and think to myself, 'Who does he remind me of?' He reminds me of someone. I had to go back to my childhood. I remember reading about Molely in *Wind in the Willows*—always in the dark, hidden away, head in the sand. When I hear him talking about any issue, we know that he gets it wrong, he does not understand it and he is confused again. It is fascinating. He mentioned the Strachan report. The fascinating thing about the Strachan report is that everything Labor accuse the LNP of—everything—Mr Strachan specifically rejected. He said, 'No, that is not the case. Let's make it clear: that is not the case.'

What was the case? What are the facts? When we came to office, what did we inherit from the second worst transport minister Queensland has ever seen, the then transport minister and now Premier, Anastacia Palaszczuk? What did we inherit? We inherited 86 per cent reliability, one of the lowest reliability ratings for the system. We saw ad hoc maintenance. That is what the report said afterwards, and that is why we saw massive failures in the system. We saw infrequent services. That was Labor's policy. We heard the member for Pine Rivers talk about rail, which is what Labor talks about, when Palaszczuk planned 15 per cent fare increases year after year after year.

Those opposite need to tell people on low incomes in their electorates how they could justify 15 per cent fare increases year after year after year. That was their plan. That was the Palaszczuk plan for rail—poor services, services that did not work and 15 per cent fare increases. What did we do when we were in office? What did we achieve?

Government members interjected.

Mr EMERSON: They do not want to hear it because they know what the reality was. We stopped Labor's 15 per cent annual fare increases. We remain the only government in Queensland history to cut fares across the state. We stopped the Palaszczuk Labor plan of 15 per cent fare increases. We also increased the maintenance to end the ad hoc maintenance programs which saw massive failures across the system.

What did we do in terms of services? We put on an additional 1,000 services including the Springfield line—no rail fail, no problems. The only thing that Stirling Hinchliffe has done is become the worst transport minister. He moved Anastacia Palaszczuk one down. Now it is Stirling Hinchliffe, Anastacia Palaszczuk and Rachel Nolan. They have the trifecta; they have the three.


That is not what I got up to talk about today. I want to talk about MYFER, the *Mid-year fiscal and economic review*. Just like the rail fail in Queensland, there is also an economic fail under this government by that captain risky of a Treasurer, by the guy they know is incompetent and who has no support amongst the caucus or his front bench. People know that he is not up to the job. That is the reality. Queensland is falling further behind under this do-nothing government.

Let us have a look at what we see under the MYFER released in December. Employment growth forecasts have fallen dramatically. Between the budget that was delivered in June and the MYFER that was released in December, employment growth forecasts for the year halved. What does that mean? It means 18,000 fewer jobs for Queensland. The Treasurer's legacy for Queenslanders, as MYFER indicated, is one of job losses.

We are leading the nation for all the wrong reasons. More than 34,000 jobs were lost. They disappeared from our state last year. That is the worst result in the country. They are the latest labour force figures. The worst job losses in the last year and the worst job losses in December in the nation at 13,700. Let us not forget that the employment minister does not understand the participation rate. She told the radio that when the participation rate goes down that is good news. No, it is not. It means people cannot find work. MYFER noted that if the participation rate were higher, if it were the same level when Labor came in, the unemployment rate would be almost seven per cent. That is Labor's legacy—34,000 jobs lost in regional Queensland.

(Time expired)

Townsville Electorate

 **Mr STEWART** (Townsville—ALP) (12.43 pm): I rise today to provide the House with an update of the successes made in Townsville under the initiatives of the Palaszczuk government over the last two years. The Palaszczuk government is a government committed to jobs, jobs and more jobs. This is evident through the \$100 million Back to Work program, which has been very successful for employers in Townsville. In fact, recent figures showed that North Queensland, along with Far North Queensland, is leading the charge with more than 344 employees across a range of areas including local tourism, retail, construction, and health and education service sectors.

I had the opportunity to take the Premier to a local business in Townsville called Flying Colours Aviation, which is the only aircraft painting business in the southern hemisphere. This family owned business run by Linda Armstrong currently employs 25 local people and will be taking on an additional 15 people through the Back to Work program so they can cope with the increased demand for their services.

The second aspect to the Flying Colours Aviation story is about a young worker whom we met named Harry who was employed under the Back to Work program who was a former Queensland Nickel worker. As most of us remember, Townsville was devastated by the announcement by Clive Palmer on 15 January last year that he was closing the Queensland Nickel refinery down and therefore throwing 800 employees out of the gates and onto the unemployment line. Estimates are now that around 2,500 indirect jobs were lost in the city due to the closure of that refinery.


It was the Premier who on 20 January last year in Townsville implemented an Accelerated Works Program on projects to the value of \$187 million to help stimulate 430 job opportunities in the city. Some of those jobs have been completed while others are still underway including the upgrade to the Port of Townsville's berth 4 worth \$55 million which employs over 100 local people. There is the Ergon Energy Townsville depot stage 2 worth \$42 million where long-time local construction owner Adrian Gabrielli, who won the tender and who loudly advocates for local workers, will put his money where his mouth is and employ around 60 locals to help him complete that job.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the Townsville stadium. The Palaszczuk government's commitment of \$140 million towards the project is a confidence booster that the city desperately needed. Approximately 700 jobs during the construction process and an estimate of around about 1,500 indirect jobs means there will be many businesses that will benefit across the city from this project. Minister Anthony Lynham announced on 20 December that local architects 9point9 under the direction of Cox Architecture were chosen for their design of the stadium. Just last week the Minister Assisting the Premier on North Queensland, Minister O'Rourke, announced that three businesses with long-term offices in Townsville were short-listed for the managing contractor position. Those businesses are CPB Contractors, Lendlease and Watpac which now need to develop their detailed strategy as part of the EOI process on how they will maximise employment opportunities for local Townsville businesses.

I will continue to outline the plethora of programs the Palaszczuk government is implementing in Townsville to create jobs, build infrastructure and return Townsville's economy back to the thriving hub of North Queensland. I will briefly mention projects like the \$80 million Burdell State School, the first school to be built under the Palaszczuk government and in Townsville; the \$28 million promenade deck in the PDA; and a \$9 million airport apron upgrade. There is the Works for Queensland program and \$21.8 million worth of funding from the Deputy Premier for Townsville City Council designed to create jobs quickly and deliver vital community infrastructure. Backing the Adani Carmichael coalmine headquarters will generate 500 jobs in the city. Visitor expenditure increased by four per cent to \$90.6 million which is all supporting jobs in our local tourism industry. There is over \$30 million in infrastructure spending on Palm Island including replacement of power generators, water treatment and sewerage treatment upgrades and the commitment to build the health services building worth over

\$8 million. Additional teachers, nurses and doctors have been employed under the Palaszczuk government. This is a government that understands that Townsville is the hub of north Australia and, as such, is investing to build vital infrastructure and create jobs where they are needed.

Licensed Venues, Trading Hours

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (12.48 pm): What absolute rubbish we have just heard from the member from North Queensland. What we have had from this Labor government is two years of delay, two years of inaction, two years of bungles, two years of doing nothing, two years of flip-flopping, two years of rolling over to union masters, two years of a revolving door of ministers, two years of internal votes and factional fights to work out who out of the seven of the right faction gets the votes to put forward to the caucus, and two years of Queensland being left behind and held back by the Labor government. That is the record of Annastacia Palaszczuk's government, not what we have heard from the government this morning.

Ms Grace interjected.

Mr BLEIJIE: When we talk about the bungles, I love it when the member for Brisbane Central interjects when she is the subject matter of what I am going to talk about, which is the bungling Attorney-General, the minister responsible for liquor licensing with respect to lockout laws in the state of Queensland. Members opposite have talked a lot about trains today. The only train working on time in Queensland at the moment is the train that rolled into cabinet and rolled over Dr Anthony Lynham. That is the only train that has been in the cabinet. Annastacia Palaszczuk, the Premier of this state, has had more positions on lockout laws than shots in a Long Island iced tea. They are the facts of the matter. That is the reality of the matter.

Government members interjected.

Mr BLEIJIE: I hear the members opposite interjecting saying, 'How can he be so mean? What is he talking about?' Let me quote their leader, their Premier. Last year in estimates Mr Nicholls, the Leader of the Opposition, asked the Premier—

... does the government remain committed to support the 1 am lockout which is due to come into effect in February next year?

Ms PALASZCZUK: It is due to come in as per the legislation next year, yes.

Mr NICHOLLS: You remain committed to supporting that position?

Ms PALASZCZUK: Yes.

Then I asked the Attorney-General at the same estimates whether she intends to stick by Dr Lynham's policy for lockouts to be introduced in February. The Attorney-General was quoted in *Hansard* at the time saying—

We stand by what we have introduced in legislation, which is that the option of going to a 1 am lockout with 3 am last drinks will come in on 1 February for safe-night-out precincts.

The bizarre situation we have in Queensland is that at the moment we have laws for lockouts in Queensland. Lockouts started on 1 February, but the government have said to the law enforcement agencies, 'Just turn a blind eye to it because we are going to change the policy on it.' We do not know how they are going to change the policy; they will have to amend legislation. Then the government came out and said, 'We're not going to have lockout laws; we're going to have ID scanners.' ID scanners are in law at the moment because the LNP introduced them into law, but the government delayed it last year when they said, 'We're not going to introduce ID scanners.' We currently have ID scanners in law at the moment and lockout laws in law at the moment. The government said they did not support ID scanners six months ago, they supported lockouts, but now they support ID scanners and they do not support lockouts. If the business community is confused about liquor policy in this state it is no wonder because the government is confused. The government has not got a consistent position on liquor laws in the state of Queensland.


If we are talking about the member for Brisbane Central, how can she let her groups in the business community have so much uncertainty for two years in not knowing whether lockouts are in or not? We know staff were released from duties because lockout laws were being introduced. Essentially, what we have at the moment in terms of alcohol fuelled violence policy in the state of Queensland is the LNP's Safe Night Out Strategy bar one element, and that is the earlier closing time. The only thing they have done in two years is change trading hours; they have brought them forward two hours. Everything else was LNP policy. Additional police resources—

Mrs D'Ath: And the banning of shots.

Mr BLEIJIE: I take the interjection from the Attorney-General. Additional police resources was LNP policy. Banning orders was LNP policy. The safe night precincts was LNP policy. Funding to the safe night precincts was LNP policy. ID scanners was a policy of the LNP which has already been introduced. The member opposite can shake his head, but the fact is if he goes back to *Hansard*—and he was not here at the time so I understand he will not know about it—he will see that the LNP actually introduced ID scanners into law in the state of Queensland.

Now let us talk about the member for Brisbane Central. We had a review of trading hours in this state, and they leaked some details to the media on the weekend—the good stuff they want to get debate about. However, they have not disclosed and they have not tabled the review. They talked about the review; the Premier quoted from the review this morning, but they have not disclosed the review. They are happy to review and not do and then when they review they do not disclose what the review found. In terms of accountability and transparency the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations should immediately table the Mickel report into trading hours. Too many small businesses rely on what government policy is going to be in the future. They deserve to know what was in that report and the final outcomes of that report.

Townsville, Crime

 **Mr HARPER** (Thuringowa—ALP) (12.53 pm): It is a good start to the year that in the first sitting week I can rise to inform the House that whilst there is more work to do, we are heading in the right direction in tackling the crime issues in Townsville, as reported in today's *Townsville Bulletin*. The irony of following the member for Kawana is that if he paid as much attention to youth crime during his time as attorney-general as he does to his hair we might not have inherited the mess that we did. He was more interested in helicopter rides to failed boot camps. He was bloody hopeless.

Mr SEENEY: I rise to a point of order. It has been a longstanding convention in this place that members do not refer to another member's appearance. I think for the benefit of us all we should preserve that. Mr Deputy Speaker, I would ask that you ask the member to withdraw that.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Crawford): Order! I am inclined to agree. Member for Thuringowa, will you withdraw that statement?

Mr HARPER: I will withdraw. We know that the worst and most prolific recidivist offenders need to be held accountable. A number of those offenders are now behind bars thanks largely to the outstanding work of our men and women of the Queensland Police Service. Locking these worst offenders up is finally giving Townsville some reprieve. Yes, we are heading in the right direction. I was talking with Inspector Joe Kitching only yesterday. He leads the Rapid Action Patrol hub in Thuringowa. Whilst we are not exactly popping the corks, we know that since commencing Operation Oscar Merchant, a police operation, in September last year they have arrested 1,348 people on a staggering 3,395 charges. Locally, QPS has been bolstered with extra police that we called for and we delivered. We know that having these QPS resources in place in Townsville is having a positive effect on reducing crime rates. As the good inspector said, we are seeing some reductions in offending.

There is always more work to do. We are beginning to see the overall positive effect of the suite of initiatives and programs our government has instigated on the issues around youth crime that has caused our community so much grief. We know the issues around the causes of crime are complex and, in turn, this requires a complex suite of initiatives and programs to address the causes of re-offending and to ultimately break the cycle of crime. However, we are also cognisant of the fact that we need to be tough on crime and ensure that those who choose to break the law are held accountable, experience consequences and are locked up where appropriate and also repay the community for the damage they have done.


That is why our government has instigated the magistrates Specialist Courts in Townsville to ensure consistency and appropriate sentencing is applied to those recidivist offenders. Young offenders will now appear before the same magistrate who will be familiar with the background of the offender and the issues impacting them and their family. This will allow the court to now more effectively monitor young offenders' progress in the orders made against them and determine the sentences that will be most effective in addressing ongoing offending behaviour. This may include detention, participation in a range of programs such as community service or work that focuses on making reparation to the community or the victim. I know through our many and varied interactions with community groups and many concerned constituents that our community has a clear expectation that offenders are held to account, as do I as the member representing Thuringowa.

Along with our government-led Townsville Stronger Communities team, a first for Queensland, we see a whole-of-government approach to addressing the issues around crime through the sharing of information between agencies, and they are making real headway. In particular, it is having a positive impact on local families, with intensive case management strategies for those recidivist offenders. Due to this group's work, I remain confident that we will see offending rates decline in Townsville. We also know that other programs such as Project Booyah and Transition to Success are making real change in young people's lives. As one of the three MPs in Townsville who called for more funding for Project Booyah, I was thrilled with the recent announcement of \$7½ million to ensure this outstanding program continues over the next four years.

Finally, I want to commend the work of the Indigenous elders Uncle Alfred Smallwood, Uncle Rusty Butler, Wayne Parker and Noel Gertz for their unwavering desire to see that their 'Yinda' Back to Country Indigenous elder-led program proposal recently received by government is being considered for funding. They want to be part of the solution. This group of men have my 110 per cent support for this initiative, which is yet another important part of our work to tackle youth crime issues in Townsville. As honourable members can see, we are not hanging our hats on a single rushed, failed policy like the LNP boot camps. No, we are working with the entire community on all levels to deliver real change for our community on this important and challenging issue.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I call the member for Everton. We will run one more MPI before we go to lunch.

Townsville, Crime

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (12.58 pm): What a great coincidence that I would speak straight after the member for Thuringowa, who proudly boasts about the record of this government in fighting crime in Townsville. I say to him that no-one in town believes him. In fact, I will read a letter to the editor about the member for Thuringowa. Mr David Thoumine said—

There is no point in the police arresting these criminals if the government allows them to go free shortly after being arrested.

I would suggest your government's Operation Oscar Merchant is nothing more than spin—and poor spin at that.

...

... Operation Oscar Merchant—it may as well be *The Merchant of Venice*.

...

So please, Mr Harper, do not think you and your other two colleagues are doing a great job by representing the people of Townsville, because you are not.

You can continue to convince yourself that you are making a difference to the crime rate in Townsville but you are not, because the facts speak for themselves. In Townsville last year robberies increased by 73.4 per cent, break-ins increased by 47.6 per cent and car theft increased by 65.7 per cent. You are 2½ times more likely to be bashed, burgled or have your car stolen in Townsville than you are in Brisbane and the residents of Townsville have had a gutful. Not only is it costing them money directly through break-ins and car thefts but it is now affecting their insurance premiums. The RACQ reports that last year insurance claims in Townsville soared by 57 per cent compared to only 19.5 per cent for the rest of Queensland. There was a 180 per cent increase in claims for theft of audio and other car parts compared to eight per cent across Queensland, and of course an increase in claims equates to increased insurance premiums.


What has this Labor government said? We have heard the third Labor minister in two years say, 'Enough is enough.' We have had the member for Thuringowa say, 'I say no to crime.' We have had the member for Mundingburra say, 'We are implementing tough measures.' The member for Townsville says that crime is the No. 1 priority issue for him in Townsville. Despite all this rhetoric and talk from the members in the Townsville area, *Hansard* records they have done exactly the opposite: they voted to soften the tough bail laws introduced by the LNP in 2014; they voted to scrap the naming and shaming laws; they voted to remove the stronger sentencing options for the courts which were introduced by the LNP; and they supported Labor's decision to get rid of boot camps. They rejected the ideas that are coming from the community. They have rejected outright the idea of youth curfews and reform of the police pursuit policy. When those opposite talk about funding for Project Booyah, that service was already operating in nine different areas and that funding did not extend one service, yet those opposite spin it to make out that they have increased services. They have done nothing like that whatsoever.

The members for Townsville, Thuringowa and Mundingburra speak tough when they are up in Townsville, but when they come down here they are as limp as wet lettuce leaves. They roll over straightaway because they will not listen to the people in their communities.

I have not even had a chance to talk about youth detention centres and the uprisings that are taking place up there. It has been reported that a couple of the young criminals responsible for some of the riots in the youth detention centre actually stole a car to go to the court hearing; do you believe it? That is how bad the situation is up there. Only the LNP has a comprehensive plan to make the streets of Townsville safe again, and I look forward to having a couple of great representatives in North Queensland. Casie Scott in Townsville and Matt Derlagen in Thuringowa are people who will deliver results and keep the streets of Townsville safe.

Sitting suspended from 1.03 pm to 2.30 pm.

Rockhampton, Community Cabinet

 **Mrs LAUGA** (Keppel—ALP) (2.30 pm): The Palaszczuk government is committed to governing for all Queenslanders, and the Premier bringing her cabinet to Rockhampton to hold a cabinet meeting in January is yet another demonstration of the government's commitment to listen and deliver for communities across the state. The cabinet meeting and opportunities for the local community to meet with ministers reinforced the importance of our region to the state's economic performance.

While Premier Palaszczuk and all of her ministers were in Rockhampton and on the Capricorn Coast I arranged to have some fruit platters delivered to each member to showcase some of our best and freshest local produce. The Premier and ministers enjoyed local mangoes, lychees, bananas, passionfruit, marmalade and water. Many thanks to Capricorn Fruit Supplies for their help arranging the awesome platters!

On Sunday afternoon I took the environment minister to the Koorana Crocodile Farm to announce new crocodile management areas for the Fitzroy; Mount Archer to announce a \$450,000 investment to connect the walking trails on the mountain; and a meeting with Jo, Flavia and Rolf from Plastic Bag Free Livingstone about the Palaszczuk government's plans to introduce a plastic bag ban in Queensland.

On Monday morning the education minister and I officially opened \$2.8 million worth of lovely and much needed new classrooms at Emu Park State School. Following the opening of the new classrooms I attended a Skilling Queenslanders for Work graduation ceremony for 25 trainees who successfully completed a Certificate I in Conservation and Land Management. On Monday afternoon I had the great pleasure of introducing Minister Fentiman to Patrice Brown and Virginia Nelson, our two amazing homegrown Telstra Business Women's Awards winners. I also took the health minister to the North Rockhampton Nursing Home following my calls for the Palaszczuk government to invest in much needed air conditioning and maintenance upgrades to the centre. That evening the Premier and her ministers held a community reception at the Archer Park Rail Museum with over 100 local community organisations, businesspeople and community leaders.

On Tuesday morning at the Rockhampton Hockey Association the Treasurer announced an increase to the Get Started vouchers program which was followed by the announcement of the Palaszczuk government's \$200 million expansion of the Capricornia Correctional Centre. This expansion will deliver over 100 jobs to the Central Queensland region during construction and more than 70 ongoing jobs after it is commissioned, not to mention the indirect jobs it will generate in the region to keep the prison running, including food and other service providers. During their visit the Premier, Deputy Premier and Treasurer also met with Rockhampton Regional Council and Livingstone Shire Council about growing jobs and our local economy.

Tuesday afternoon involved an afternoon tea with local RSLs, ladies' auxiliaries and service organisations prior to the Premier's town hall meeting. The Rockhampton Leagues Club was packed out with hundreds of local people for the town hall meeting, where the Premier spoke about growing jobs in our region and took questions from local people.

The following morning the Premier, Deputy Premier and I inspected the cyclone recovery works on the Scenic Highway at Statue Bay in Yeppoon into which the Palaszczuk government is investing millions of dollars to improve the road's resilience to natural disasters in the future. On Wednesday the Capricornia Chamber of Commerce kindly hosted a lunch at the Keppel Bay Sailing Club where the Premier spoke about the Palaszczuk government's jobs agenda for Keppel. Over 120 local businesspeople attended the sellout lunch with the Premier. The Premier and I then met with Debbie and Christine of Icesup, a local ice support network group, about how we can combat ice in our


community, followed by a tour of Wilsons Farm Fresh Fruit and Vegetables at Nankin. Daryl Wilson's family business was devastated after Cyclone Marcia in 2015. It was wonderful to see the Wilson family farm and to hear about their success in growing hydroponic lettuce, which is supplied to Coles and Woolworths in Central and North Queensland.

On Wednesday evening hundreds of local people joined me at the Lakes Creek Hotel to rally against the federal government's compulsory acquisition of land at Marlborough. It was an honour and a privilege to also have the Premier, Treasurer, Minister Byrne and the member for Mirani standing side by side with workers, graziers, unions and local people who were concerned about the federal LNP's compulsory acquisition plans. That evening we sent the LNP Turnbull government a strong message that the Central Queensland community does not support the compulsory acquisition of land at Marlborough. Thank you to Pip Rea, Danni McKenzie and all of the Marlborough crew who travelled to be at the rally, Matt Journeaux from the Australasian Meat Industry Employees Union, the AMWU and the ETU for their support. Delivering for all Queenslanders in consultation with all Queenslanders is the hallmark of the Palaszczuk government.

Premier, on behalf of the Central Queensland community I thank you and your cabinet for governing from Rockhampton and the Capricorn Coast. It was an honour and a privilege to have you in our beautiful region talking about growing jobs, our local economy and encouraging investment and innovation.

LIQUOR AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills) (2.34 pm): I present a bill for an act to amend the Liquor Act 1992, the Liquor Regulation 2002 and the Penalties and Sentences Act 1992 for particular purposes. I table the bill and explanatory notes. I nominate the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper: Liquor and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 [\[161\]](#).

Tabled paper: Liquor and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017, explanatory notes [\[162\]](#).

The Palaszczuk government has committed to implementing an evidence based policy framework to reduce alcohol fuelled violence in and around licensed premises in Queensland. The government acknowledges the extensive body of national and international research which indicates that reducing late-night liquor service hours significantly decreases alcohol related assaults. That is why the Tackling Alcohol-Fuelled Violence Legislation Amendment Act 2016 included amendments that, from 1 July 2016, reduced available liquor service hours to 2 am statewide and 3 am in Queensland's 15 safe night precincts.

However, the Palaszczuk government recognises that evidence is not static, and at times further refining is needed to ensure that the approach being taken represents the most efficient and effective way to achieve harm minimisation objectives. In this regard, independent researchers engaged to conduct an evaluation of the government's tackling alcohol fuelled violence policy found in their six-month interim evaluation report that in Fortitude Valley and safe night precincts across Queensland between July and December 2016 there had been no change to the existing trends in common assaults and serious assaults during the late-night high-risk liquor service period.

The report suggested that the systematic and widespread use of temporary late-night extended hours permits has the potential to compromise the impact of the tackling alcohol fuelled violence policy. As an illustration, researchers observed that since 1 July 2016 there has not been a single weekend night where all venues in the Fortitude Valley precinct have ceased service of alcohol at 3 am. The report also concluded that the current research evidence suggests that the introduction of a lockout is not likely to significantly change current trends in relation to assault and injury. Additionally, the report endorsed the use of ID scanning and banning orders as harm minimisation measures.

Given the findings raised in the report, the government is determined to strengthen the tackling alcohol fuelled violence policy by implementing policies that take into account the latest research evidence in relation to lockouts and address issues identified around the use of temporary late-night extended hours permits. Accordingly, the bill proposes to repeal the lockout retrospectively from 1 February 2017. Without a lockout in place there remains no practical reason to distinguish between safe night precincts and 3 am safe night precincts in the manner originally contemplated by the policy. Accordingly, the bill will also retrospectively repeal the 3 am safe night precinct model from 1 February

2017. As a result, 3 am liquor service hours with no lockout will be available to approved licensees located in all 15 safe night precincts in Queensland. This means the inner west Brisbane safe night precinct, which was not prescribed as a 3 am safe night precinct as of 1 February 2017, will retain its 3 am trading status as will the other 14 safe night precincts.

This approach aligns with the government's aim to promote a vibrant night-time economy throughout Queensland while recognising that safe night precincts are best equipped to deal with an additional hour of liquor service given the additional safety measures in place in these areas. In conjunction with this, from 1 July 2017 licensed premises that are located in a safe night precinct and hold a permanent extended trading hours approval for liquor service beyond midnight will be required to scan IDs using an approved networked ID scanning system commencing from 10 pm and continuing throughout the time that liquor may be sold on the premises.

In response to the independent report's finding that temporary late-night extended hours permits were being used to maintain 5 am business-as-usual service of liquor on the weekends, the bill proposes significant changes to the permit framework. The issuing frequency for temporary late-night extended hours permits will be restricted by halving the number of temporary late-night extended hours permits that may be granted statewide, from 12 to six in a calendar year.

Amendments will also be made to ensure that temporary late-night extended hours permits may not be granted in excess of one per month or on consecutive days, unless in relation to a legitimate multiday event. The number of temporary late-night extended hours permits available in a calendar year to licensees of newly licensed premises will be calculated on a pro rata basis based on the month the licence was granted.

It is intended that the amendments to the maximum number of temporary late-night extended hours permits that may be issued by the Commissioner of Liquor and Gaming to a licensed premises will apply from 1 January 2017. Accordingly, any temporary late-night extended hours permits for dates in 2017 granted prior to the commencement of the new legislation will count towards the maximum of six permits that may be issued. Any permits granted for dates occurring after commencement of the new legislation will be cancelled, and licensees will be given the opportunity to reapply under the new special occasion criteria.

To be considered a 'special occasion', an event must meet the following criteria. It must be an occasion persons independent of the licensee, owner or occupier wish to celebrate on the licensed premises; and it must be either a special public event—meaning a unique or infrequent event of local, state or national significance—or a wedding, birthday or other private occasion being celebrated at a function that is not open to the public.

To introduce additional rigour, the legislation will be amended to provide that a temporary late-night extended hours permit may only be granted during the time the special occasion is happening and, if the Commissioner for Liquor and Gaming considers it appropriate, for a reasonable time before or after the special occasion is happening, to ensure a safe environment in and around licensed premises is maintained. For example, if an extended hours permit is granted to sell liquor on a special occasion such as a significant international sporting match being televised from 1 am to 3 am, the commissioner may grant a permit, for instance, to include liquor trading between midnight and 3.30 am in order to allow for the orderly and practical congregation and dispersal of patrons from the event. However, it is not intended that this will be used by licensees to attempt to merely keep the bar open and encourage patrons to continue drinking. To provide further guidance and certainty for licensees, a head of power will be provided to allow a regulation to prescribe an event or class of events which would or would not be considered as a special public event.

The new temporary late-night extended hours permits framework will ensure that licensees may only be granted temporary late-night extended hours permits for legitimate special occasions of an infrequent nature and not as part of business-as-usual late-night trading. While a maximum of six permits are able to be issued, it is not intended that six permits will necessarily be granted to a licensee in any one calendar year.

The bill also proposes a number of technical amendments to clarify and support the effective operation of the Liquor Act 1992 to support the tackling alcohol fuelled violence policy. To enhance the effective operation of the mandatory ID-scanning provisions that will be in force from 1 July 2017, the bill clarifies that licensees of regulated premises with approved permanent extended trading hours beyond midnight must continue to scan patron IDs when serving liquor beyond their usual late-night hours under a temporary late-night extended hours permit. It is noted that licensees who are not

approved for permanent extended trading hours past midnight will continue to be exempt from the requirement to scan patron IDs when serving liquor past midnight under a temporary late-night extended hours permit.

The final minor technical amendment to the Liquor Act supports the safe night precinct framework by clarifying that premises that are no longer located within a safe night precinct as a result of a future boundary change will have their liquor service hours automatically wound back to 2 am. The Commissioner for Liquor and Gaming will be required to give licensees notice prior to the change taking effect.

The bill also makes an amendment to the Penalties and Sentences Act 1992 to allow a sentencing court to impose a banning order on an offender convicted of a prescribed drug offence where the offence was committed in, or in a public place in the vicinity of, licensed premises. The amendment extends upon the existing banning order framework in the Penalties and Sentences Act by applying to offenders convicted of the offences of supplying or trafficking dangerous drugs under the Drugs Misuse Act 1986. The banning order may be imposed if the sentencing court is satisfied that the convicted offender poses an unacceptable risk to the safety, welfare and good order of licensed premises or areas in the vicinity thereof or to the people who attend those premises and areas. This amendment delivers on our commitment to expand upon the existing banning order framework to include convicted drug offenders.

Queenslanders expect their government to listen to the evidence and take action that will reduce the harm caused by alcohol related violence. In this regard, the public have a right to expect balanced policymaking rather than point-scoring. These evidence based, common-sense reforms are necessary to maximise the harm reduction benefits associated with reducing liquor service hours and supporting the development of a safe and vibrant night-life that includes but does not centre solely upon the service of alcohol. I commend the bill to the House.

First Reading

Hon. YM D'ATH (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills) (2.44 pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.

Motion agreed to.


Bill read a first time.

Referral to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Farmer): Order! In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee.

POLICE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (COMMONWEALTH GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services) (2.45 pm): I present a bill for an act to amend the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000 for particular purposes. I table the bill and the explanatory notes. I nominate the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper: Police Powers and Responsibilities (Commonwealth Games) Amendment Bill 2017 [\[163\]](#).

Tabled paper: Police Powers and Responsibilities (Commonwealth Games) Amendment Bill 2017, explanatory notes [\[164\]](#).

I rise to introduce the Police Powers and Responsibilities (Commonwealth Games) Amendment Bill 2017. The 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast is bound to be an exciting time for the City of the Gold Coast, for our great state and for sports fans and non-sports fans alike. The games will be the largest sporting event staged in Australia this decade and will be one of the largest international sporting events worldwide. Not since the 2000 Sydney Olympics and the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games have Queenslanders had the opportunity to access such a spectacular sporting event. It is an opportunity that simply should not be missed. It will bring benefits, both direct and indirect, for all Queenslanders that will extend long after the games.

Communities across the state have already benefited from the construction work and improvements undertaken to venues and existing infrastructure in preparation for the games. The games venues program has resulted in several world-class facilities already being opened. This infrastructure has delivered more jobs for Queenslanders and will leave a lasting arts and cultural legacy for the Gold Coast.

Additionally, the games will attract an influx of international tourists to our state and will have a large global audience. It is an amazing opportunity for the Gold Coast and Queensland to showcase itself to the world, and I cannot think of any better ambassadors for our state than the army of 15,000 passionate volunteers who will help deliver a great games.

Preparing for such a spectacular is a mammoth task requiring extensive planning and organisation from a wide range of agencies at a federal, state and local government level and from the private sector. An examination of the hard facts about the games gives some insight into the enormity of the task. Over 11 days of competition Queensland will host over 6,500 elite athletes and team officials from 70 nations and territories. These athletes will participate in a variety of sports at a range of world-class venues at the Gold Coast, Brisbane, Cairns and Townsville. Some 1.5 million spectators will have the opportunity to witness the efforts of these athletes, and over 3,000 media personnel will be present to ensure the games reaches a global audience of 1.5 billion people.

One key priority in games planning has been the safety and security of the games and in particular the safety and security of persons attending the games including athletes, officials, spectators, media personnel and members of the local community. The Queensland Police Service has been working in partnership with the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation, Goldoc, and the Office of the Commonwealth Games to ensure that the games will be as safe as possible. Goldoc has engaged a consortium of four specialist Australian security companies to deploy more than 4,000 security officers. These companies are MSS Security, Wilson Security, SecureCorp and SNP. These security officers will be available to assist the large contingent of Queensland police officers and specialist personnel from other law enforcement agencies and the Australian Defence Force to deliver a safe games.

Meeting the security needs of the games creates challenges beyond those of other major events hosted in Queensland. Usually, major events are conducted over a short period of time and limited to one location or venue. However, the games will be held over an 11-day period with security arrangements commencing well before the opening ceremony. The games will involve multiple locations including venues across our state. I want to make it very clear that the games is also a very different event to the G20 leaders summit held in Brisbane in 2014 and a very different policing response is planned. The G20 involved a large number of police officers deployed for a short period of time in a central location. Security planning for the G20 took into account previous experiences of large-scale civil disobedience and violent protest activity. The games, by contrast, are a celebration of sport which will be conducted in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere, providing a positive visitor experience for all. Security planning for the games will incorporate a high-visibility policing model across the 18 competition venues and even more non-competition venues during a month-long duration.

However, the challenge of delivering a safe games is compounded by the current global and national security environment. We live in difficult times—an unfortunate reality of a world threatened by terrorism. The current general public national terrorism threat level remains at probable. Recent tragic overseas and domestic experiences with attacks in open public spaces and on public transport highlight the need for an intense focus on public safety and demonstrate the complexities involved in developing an appropriate policing response. Given the size and scale of the games, a focus of the Queensland Police Service in planning security for the games is the enhancement of safety and the protection of people in areas where crowds are expected to form outside games venues and in other public areas including public transport hubs and networks. Detailed planning is underway by Goldoc and other agencies to ensure crowds can move swiftly and safely in and around games venues and between transport hubs and games venues.

The Queensland Police Service continues to build on the experience of delivering security for the 2014 G20 Summit by pursuing an external assurance program to ensure the policing response is appropriate to meet the safety and security requirements for the games. For example, the Queensland Police Service Commonwealth Games Group has maintained strong engagement with Police Scotland, the London Metropolitan Police and French Police Nationale to incorporate lessons learned from the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games, the 2012 London Olympics, Euro 2016 and recent terror events. These relationships have ensured the QPS is implementing best practice and appropriate situational awareness into games security planning. Although the Major Events Act 2014 is expected to apply to the games, police powers within that act will be limited to prescribed games major event areas. The

Major Events Act does not address security requirements outside of prescribed major event areas. Existing police powers in the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000 also do not address the unique security issues associated with the games in the current security environment.

This bill, which I have just introduced, will allow police to use balanced and proactive powers that will deter offenders from causing public harm and reassure the community that police are on the job looking after their safety. The bill addresses games security issues by amending the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act to provide police with additional powers for the games. These powers will apply in designated areas associated with the games which will be known as protective security zones. A protective security zone may include an area of land or water, other than a games major event area, that is associated with the games. It may also include public transport infrastructure or a part of the public transport network associated with, or used to transport members of the public to or from, the games. Protective security zones will ordinarily be prescribed by regulation. The regulation must state the period for which the zone applies and include a map showing the boundary of the zone. The map must also be displayed on the Queensland Police Service website or another website designated by the Police Commissioner.

However, if there is an urgent need for an area to become a protective security zone, the commissioner may, by written order, declare an area to be a protective security zone. This declaration may only be made if the commissioner is reasonably satisfied that the declaration is necessary for the safety and security of persons entering or in the area, the games major event organiser has been notified and urgent action is required to declare the area as a protective security zone. The commissioner must obtain the minister's approval to declare an area to be a protective security zone unless a delay in obtaining this approval is likely to substantially compromise the safety and security of persons in the area. In such an instance, the commissioner may declare the area to be a protective security zone without the minister's approval but must later inform the minister about the making of the order.

It is not expected that these declarations will be made frequently. They will be made in circumstances where there is not enough time to make a regulation to prescribe a zone or in urgent situations. A declaration may be necessary to facilitate urgent contingency arrangements if a prescribed protective security zone is no longer able to be used as planned. For example, a suspicious package may be located in a prescribed protective security zone planned to be used as the designated pedestrian approach to a games major event area. As the prescribed protective security zone can no longer be used until the police response and initial investigation is completed, an alternate pedestrian approach to the major event area must be used instead. Declaring the alternate pedestrian approach as a protective security zone will allow police officers to use the same powers, thus ensuring the safety of pedestrians moving to, from and around the games major event area.

The number and size of protective security zones required to be prescribed for the games is still being determined as venue and transport planning remains ongoing and games major events areas are yet to be finalised. However, based on preliminary planning by the Queensland Police Service, it is intended that protective security zones will be required to protect areas adjoining entry points to prescribed major events areas, designated pedestrian routes from transport hubs to venues, park-and-ride locations and areas adjacent to road based fields of play—for example, the triathlon and marathon. Protective security zones may also include games transport hubs, some transport networks and the main vehicle screening point if these areas are not otherwise prescribed as major event areas.

The purpose of a protective security zone is to allow police to use the additional powers contained in the bill within the zone. These powers are considered imperative by the Queensland Police Service to enhance the safety and security of persons in these zones. I will briefly explain each of these powers. Police officers will have the power to frisk search any person entering or in a protective security zone and inspect any article in the person's possession. If reasonably practicable before conducting the search or inspection, the police officer must give the person an explanation about the powers to be exercised and ask for the person's cooperation. Relevant search safeguards under the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act will apply to the search. These include ensuring minimal embarrassment to the person, taking reasonable care to protect the dignity of the person and, unless urgent, the search being conducted by a police officer of the same sex as the person to be searched.

Communication will be an important aspect of the search power. This search power is required so that a police officer can quickly and immediately search a person within a protective security zone. If nothing is found, the person can immediately proceed on his or her way. However, if the search locates an item of interest, the police officer can take any necessary action to deal with the person or situation in accordance with the existing provisions of the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act.

Police officers will also have the power to stop, detain and search a vehicle and anything in or on a vehicle entering or in a protective security zone. As with the power to search a person, this power will enable a police officer to immediately search a vehicle to maintain the safety and security of the protective security zone. Relevant safeguards in the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act will apply to these vehicle searches.

Additionally, the bill permits a police officer to enter and search any premises in a protective security zone without a warrant. This power does not extend to residences unless the occupier consents to the search or the police officer reasonably suspects an offence that will endanger the safety of a person may be committed in or from the residence.

In conjunction with this power, the bill allows a police officer to use a firearms and explosives detection dog to carry out firearms and explosives detection in relation to a person entering or in a protective security zone, or a thing in a place in a protective security zone, or on land associated with the place. This power does not extend to residences unless the occupier consents to the search or the police officer reasonably suspects an offence that will endanger the safety of a person may be committed in or from the residence. These powers are required to allow police officers to conduct security sweeps of protective security zones, and premises in the zones, in order to detect explosives or weapons. This will be a key strategy in making protective security zones as safe as possible for the large number of people expected to use the zones and to ensure security arrangements are not compromised.

The bill also provides police officers with the power to give a direction to a person in a public place in a protective security zone if the officer is reasonably satisfied it is necessary to give the direction for the safety of persons entering or in the protective security zone. The direction may be given individually or to a group. This power is required to promote the safety of persons in the zone at all times.

It is expected that there will be large numbers of people in protective security zones at various times, including waves of people moving from public transport set-down points to venues or waiting for public transport at a public transport hub. An example of a direction is if a pedestrian access route to a venue has become unexpectedly crowded. A police officer may direct a group of people not to move further forward until advised to do so by a police officer to allow a crowded area closer to the venue to clear. Another example is if a small group of people stop in a pedestrian thoroughfare to view something but inadvertently block the free flow of pedestrians through the thoroughfare. A police officer could direct the group to move to the side of or further along the thoroughfare to maintain the flow of pedestrians. These additional police powers are specific to the games and will only apply to protective security zones. The powers will lapse on 22 April 2018, which is one week after the games end.

The bill also exempts police officers from completing enforcement registers for searches of persons, vehicles and premises in protective security zones and searches of persons under the Major Events Act. This is required for operational reasons. Completing enforcement registers can be time consuming and will quickly become unworkable in prescribed major event areas and protective security zones if individual officers are required to perform a large number of searches in a short period of time. Recording these searches could lead to significant delays in the security processing of persons entering major event areas and distract officers from core policing responsibilities in protective security zones, such as monitoring vehicles and crowds for suspicious behaviour and conducting quick security sweeps of premises.

Any concern about not recording these searches in an enforcement register is mitigated, because usual procedure under the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act would apply if a search locates a suspect item, such as a weapon or explosive, as the search would be recorded as part of a person's custody record. The amendment to exempt the recording of searches by police officers under the Major Events Act is the only amendment in the bill that will not lapse at the end of the games. It is required to apply to all future prescribed major events under the Major Events Act. This will reflect the situation prior to the Major Events Act when police officers were not required to record searches at special events under the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act. Given the increasing threat of terrorism and the attractiveness of large public events as terror targets, it is expected that police officers may more frequently use the search powers in the Major Events Act to ensure major event areas remain as safe and secure as possible. Therefore, the exemption from recording the searches in an enforcement register is considered important for both the games and other future prescribed major events.

I consider that this bill strikes the right balance by providing laws that will protect people attending the games whilst still respecting the rights and liberties of individuals. Police powers introduced by this bill are not sweeping. They do not create new offences. They do not displace existing onus-of-proof provisions. They do not impact existing legislative schemes. For example, the right to protest is

preserved. What they seek to do is provide reassurance to the community and deter those who wish to do harm by empowering police to do their job as and when needed to enhance public safety during the games.

The powers will only operate within protective security zones and may only be exercised for the limited time that the Commonwealth Games is declared a major event. Relevant safeguards for conducting searches or giving directions under the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act will apply. The additional powers form only one aspect of the policing strategy for the games. This strategy will focus on community engagement and an open-communication approach. The Queensland Police Service understands that the additional police powers require a responsible application and this will be reflected in police training and policy guidelines.

The Queensland Police Service demonstrated best practice policing during the planning and response to the 2014 G20 summit and the Queensland Police Service is committed to providing best practice policing for the Commonwealth Games. The powers will be used only as required in a respectful manner and to support a positive visitor experience. Police officers at the games will be highly visible ambassadors for our state and I know they will represent our state professionally, fairly and diligently.

A significant community engagement and communication strategy is also being implemented for the games and includes many of the games' partners. The Queensland Police Service has a dedicated project team focusing on community engagement. This project is well underway and aims to develop and maintain good working relationships with all relevant internal and external stakeholders and provide impacted sections of the community with timely safety and security information. Public awareness campaigns, particularly in relation to transport and security requirements, will also increase in the lead-up to the games.

Ultimately, meeting the challenge of delivering a safe games will depend on the collaboration and cooperation of agencies at all levels of government and from the private sector. The powers in this bill comprise only one of the range of security measures that need to be undertaken. However, this bill is important in placing our police officers in the best position possible to meet that challenge. I commend this bill to the House.

First Reading

Hon. MT RYAN (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services) (3.08 pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.


Referral to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Farmer): Order! In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee.

TRANSPORT OPERATIONS (ROAD USE MANAGEMENT) (OFFENSIVE ADVERTISING) AMENDMENT BILL

Resumed from 8 November 2016 (see p. 4264).

Second Reading

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply) (3.09 pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a second time.

I would like to thank the Transportation and Utilities Committee for its careful consideration of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016. I thank the chair of the committee and all committee members for their hard work on the inquiry. I would like to extend my thanks to the committee staff as well.

Finally, I need to thank those members of the public who made submissions to the committee on this important legislation, some of whom appeared at the public hearing held by the committee on 30 November last year. On issues such as this it is important that the various interested parties are able

to have some direct involvement in the process. The committee received 11 written submissions and heard direct evidence from eight organisations and two individual members of the community. One of those organisations was Wicked Pickets, a group that has been very active in this space since 2014. They have conducted pickets in Brisbane, Mackay and Cairns, they have held two rallies in Brisbane and have helped keep the issue in the public eye. There has also been support for these amendments from a range of organisations including the respected RACQ. I thank them for their efforts. I thank all those stakeholders who have contributed to the public discourse on these issues. Witnesses to the committee spoke passionately about removing misogynist and violent messages from our roads, about the need to protect our children from sexualised images and messages and about the link between these types of images and issues such as domestic violence.

I am pleased to see that at the end of that committee process the unanimous recommendation of the committee was that the bill be passed. That recommendation reflects the evidence that was given to the committee. The overwhelming majority of committee witnesses recognised the positive contribution this legislation can make towards removing offensive advertising from vehicles on our roads.

Before looking at the second recommendation made by the committee, I would like to quickly remind the House of the elements of this legislation and the benefits that it is designed to achieve. The bill amends the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act to establish a process under which the registration of a vehicle that displays offensive advertising can be cancelled. Offensive advertising includes advertising that uses obscene language, that is degrading, that deals inappropriately with sex or violence or, very importantly, that discriminates against or vilifies any section of the community. The assessment of whether a particular piece of advertising is offensive or not will be undertaken under long established processes used by the Advertising Standards Bureau and its associated board. As I mentioned in my introductory speech, that assessment is made against the advertisers' code of ethics and is undertaken by a board of people from diverse backgrounds. The new provisions are activated after the ASB notifies the department that an advertisement on a Queensland registered vehicle has been found to breach the advertisers' code of ethics. Following that notification, the department will issue a registration cancellation notice to the registered operator of the vehicle and will give them 14 days to have the advertisement removed or have their vehicle deregistered. There are some safeguards built into the legislation to allow that deregistration to be delayed in limited circumstances, but the aim of the legislation is to have any offensive advertising on Queensland registered vehicles removed as quickly as possible.


Turning briefly now to the second recommendation by the parliamentary committee, that recommendation was that I, as the minister, should consider introducing annual safety inspections for hire vehicles over five years old. The issue of annual inspections for light vehicles arises periodically and has been the subject of a number of reviews both here and overseas. To provide just a snapshot of those studies, in 2012 the Monash University Accident Research Centre conducted a study into the road safety benefits of vehicle roadworthiness inspections in New Zealand and Victoria. Also in 2012 the Tasmanian government undertook a review of periodic vehicle inspections. Back in 2004, the ACT government undertook a review of vehicle inspection arrangements as well. The outcomes of those and other studies are relatively consistent: firstly, there are no substantial benefits to introducing compulsory annual inspections for light vehicles and the costs are likely to outweigh the benefits; secondly, the correlation between vehicle defects and road crashes is actually very low. The Department of Transport and Main Roads is not aware of any significant issue with the roadworthiness of older hire vehicles and believes that the current mix of targeted and random enforcement of vehicle standards it undertakes with the Queensland Police Service is the most effective means of dealing with this issue. Before imposing an industry-wide requirement for vehicle inspections and allocating resources to undertake those inspections, there has to be clear evidence to support it and that evidence is just not there. I now table the government's response to the committee's recommendation on this issue.

Tabled paper: Transportation and Utilities Committee: Report No. 33—Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016, government response [\[165\]](#).

I also note that a minor typographical error occurred in the explanatory notes to the bill. On pages 6 and 7 of the explanatory notes the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995 was referred to as the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1994. I table an erratum to the explanatory notes.

Tabled paper: Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016, erratum to explanatory notes [\[166\]](#).

While the Queensland government is able to take some action in relation to Queensland registered vehicles, clearly a national approach to this issue is desirable. In that vein I have written to relevant ministers in other states and territories alerting them to our actions. The other jurisdictions are watching the progress of this legislation with interest and we have received encouraging comments from a number of them. In conclusion, I welcome the unanimous recommendation of the committee that the bill be passed. Offensive advertising has no place on vehicles on our roads and I commend the bill to the House.

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (3.15 pm): There is one minister who has been very happy to see his colleague the member for Sandgate and, indeed, his colleague the Deputy Premier struggle with the Queensland Rail fail crisis and that is the Minister for Main Roads. He is happy because the spotlight is off him.

Mr BAILEY: I rise to a point of order. I do not believe in the first instance that the member is addressing the bill.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Farmer): I did not hear what went on there so I am going to give the member for Glass House the benefit of the doubt and advise all members that they should speak to the bill.

Mr POWELL: As I was saying, he is happy the spotlight is off him so Queenslanders cannot see how ineffective he is. Today we have an ode to Mark Bailey, a bill that does as little as the minister who is presenting it. The government claims this will be the panacea to offensive slogans on our roads. In truth, it is not really worth the paper it is printed on. This is symptomatic of the Palaszczuk Labor government's ineffectiveness.

Mr Bailey interjected.

Mr POWELL: I will take that interjection from the minister and I will give him a history lesson in a moment if he sits back and relaxes. The Palaszczuk Labor government is clearly more interested in media stunts and press releases than coming up with a workable solution for what is a serious community concern. Let me be very clear from the outset: offensive slogans have no place in our society, nor in the state of Queensland, and we in the LNP want to see them gone. It is incredibly frustrating that this bill has been years in the making and now that it is here it falls so far short.

In answer to the minister's question as to what we were doing, let us have a bit of a history lesson. This has been waiting for a review that never happened. In 2015 the then attorney-general announced that the Queensland Law Reform Commission would review this issue. This Labor government can manage 150 reviews in two years but could not squeeze in one extra review to look at offensive advertising on our roads. Fast-forward a year and the Attorney-General was still talking about a review with nothing to show for it. In the end the government did what it should have done in the first place: it picked up where the LNP left off and used the parliamentary inquiry recommendations into sexually explicit outdoor advertising. Let us be clear: while this Labor government talked and talked and talked, the LNP had acted, had launched an inquiry, responded to the recommendations and started drafting legislation.

Government members interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The member is not taking any interjections. We will allow the member to speak.

Mr POWELL: The 2014 parliamentary committee recommended that the government establish a co-regulatory approach and recognise an industry body such as the Australian Association of National Advertisers. We accepted that; this government ignored it. The report highlighted a need to regulate an industry code of ethics. We supported the recommendation; Labor has ignored it. The key difference between the LNP's plan and Labor's inaction is that we were prepared to slap hefty fines on advertisers who flout the rules on purpose. The 2014 committee called for advertisements to be pre-vetted for advertisers who were repeat offenders. The LNP was investigating an option to make that a reality, because the alternative presented by Labor will see companies such as Wicked Campers exploiting the obvious loopholes. The 2014 inquiry also recommended the Australian Association of National Advertisers be given statutory authority to force compliance if companies were found to have breached codes or standards. We were in the process of drafting legislation when the election was called in 2015. This government could have easily picked up where we left off. It could have easily picked up the

legislation that was being drafted, but instead it wasted time talking about reviews that never eventuated. Now we are looking at an ill-conceived bill and are really no closer to tackling offensive advertising.

The government claims that this bill will allow the Department of Transport and Main Roads to deregister a vehicle that does not comply with an Advertising Standards Bureau decision. Instead, rookie Minister Bailey has ensured that the Wicked Campers fleet can potentially relocate to New South Wales. Once they are registered in another state, these laws will not apply. Under Queensland law, they are not allowed to have their cars registered in another state if they operate out of Queensland, but even the TMR officers admitted to the committee hearing that it would be very difficult to enforce. At that committee briefing, in response to the member for Southport, the department officer said, 'We have no specific powers for vehicles registered interstate.' They also said, '... if they choose to operate out of New South Wales, under the current format there is no action that we can take against that vehicle.' The officer went on to say, 'It is difficult,' and further—

... it does not specifically deal with interstate registered vehicles. The legislation will not allow us to take any action.

The whole process to deregister a vehicle also relies on the Advertising Standards Bureau's complaint process, which leaves loopholes in this bill that you could drive a truck or perhaps a Wicked Camper through. It is a lengthy process that must be triggered in the first place by a complaint from a member of the public. It then follows the ASB complaints process. If the ASB issues a breach notice against the advertiser, the department can then issue a notice that they will be deregistered in 14 days if they do not comply with that ASB notice. The problem here is that there is no lasting penalty to accompany flouting the standards repeatedly. They can change the offensive slogan within 14 days, potentially with a whole new offensive slogan, but to remove that new slogan a whole new process would have to be started with the ASB.

Any time a member of the public makes a complaint against an offensive slogan on a vehicle, this is what will have to occur under the ASB complaints process: firstly, they have to make a written complaint to the ASB; secondly, the ASB assesses the complaint to determine whether it is within scope, that is, it must be defined in the code of ethics and show a potential breach of the code of ethics; thirdly, if the complaint is accepted, the advertiser is given the opportunity to respond to the complaint within at least seven days; fourthly, the case is then referred to the standards board, which makes a determination based on the code of ethics in the context of prevailing community standards; fifthly, if the board determines the advertisement breaches the code of ethics, the complaint is upheld and the advertiser will be notified and asked to respond to the determination, for example, by removing, discontinuing or modifying the advertisement and the ASB will then complete its final case report, publish it on its website and advise the advertiser by final letter. Finally, the advertiser then has 10 days to apply for an independent review if it is not satisfied with the standard board's determination. As I have said, if you replace one offensive slogan with another, the process starts all over again.

We are not the only ones with concerns. The Queensland Law Society raised a concern that new section 19N, titled 'Limitation of review', removes rights of review including internal, external and judicial review and that the courts may find legislation that prohibits or restricts review for jurisdictional error to be invalid. At the public hearing, the QLS stated—

Our fundamental concern, which I think was a point that you may have rightly made in the first place, was that, if the processes that the standards board uses are not as robust as they should be or if there are problems with the processes at that level, there is very little opportunity to do much about that later on in terms of an appeal or a review.

Another submitter to the committee process, Family Voice Australia, raised a concern that the proposed bill may have unintended consequences, submitting that the standards board has a level of subjectivity. Its submission questioned how advertisements will be assessed in the context of prevailing community standards. It provided the example of a case where an 'advertisement on a car supporting real marriage or the natural family could be subjected to an adverse finding by the ASB'. That is a direct quote from their submission. The concerns that this bill might affect freedom of speech in relation to other issues, including political messaging, is concerning when the government's intention was, if we are to take the minister at his word, for this to target sexually explicit advertising.

What we have here is the Palaszczuk Labor government summed up in a bill: all talk, no action. The bill will not work and the department has admitted as much. The bill has not been thought through. It has been buck-passed between the Attorney-General and the Main Roads minister. The bill is a tokenistic attempt at solving the complex problem of removing offensive slogans from vehicles on our roads. This is the kind of bill that you get when you have an ineffective, do-nothing Palaszczuk Labor government in charge of the state.



Mr KING (Kallangur—ALP) (3.26 pm): Today I rise to make a contribution to the debate on the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016. The objective of the bill is quite simple, that is, to ensure that vehicles registered in Queensland can no longer drive around with sexist, obscene or otherwise offensive advertising painted all over them. This bill seeks to achieve that by allowing the chief executive to cancel the registration of a vehicle that displays offensive advertising if the owner does not remove advertising upon request by a determined time period. The determination of what is and is not offensive will be decided by the Advertising Standards Board. The board is made up of 20 individuals who represent the diversity of the Australian community. They are individually and collectively independent of the advertising industry. The bill contains clauses that, for the purpose of fairness, allow the owner an extended period if the vehicle is out on hire, which helps limit inconvenience to its customers. Provisions also ensure that owners cannot get around this legislation by transferring the registration into another name.

I think I have a fairly open mind. However, some of the content we saw, which is publicly displayed on those vehicles, is highly offensive and graphic. If I had hair, those slogans would have curled it. Out of respect for all in this place, I will not read out the offensive content, but suffice to say that we have had to put a warning on the committee's page to let people wishing to read the submissions know that they should be prepared for a shock if they go through them. I never thought we would have to do something such as that.

All submitters bar one and all witnesses at our public hearings were in full support of this bill and the majority wanted it to go much further. I will go into some of the submissions and witness statements later. We heard fairly clearly the strong sentiments that the advertising differs from television or printed media, which can be avoided by changing channels or turning a page. During our deliberations, I was told of the shock of a victim of assault who was affected further when confronted in traffic by one of those vehicles, which displayed a slogan and art that promoted the assault she had suffered. She was in traffic and could not look elsewhere without crashing. That is not on. As I said, a number of submitters wanted the legislation to go further. While we had no argument with that sentiment, the recommendations to go further were outside the scope of the committee's portfolio responsibilities and any further work in this area could be the subject of other legislation. One concern that was raised repeatedly was that these vehicles can be registered over the border in New South Wales to circumvent the legislation. I understand Minister Bailey is having conversations with his interstate colleagues to try to address this.

During our deliberations we were repeatedly informed that this problem has been around for many years and that previous governments have not done enough to curb it. In one of our submissions from a long-time campaigner we learned that one of these companies has been ignoring directives to remove this offensive material for years. The submission from Christine King reads—

The company has well over 100 rulings against it since 2008, most of which they have ignored. As far back as January 2014, the Qld Parliament Health and Community Services Committee Report No. 36 "Inquiry into Sexually Explicit Outdoor Advertising" made numerous recommendations including to provide the ASB with some sort of punitive powers to enable enforcement of code breaches.

I have personally been campaigning for two years for action to be taken against Wicked Campers, since my own complaint to the ASB was upheld but ignored by the company. My online petition calling for legislative changes received nearly 7,000 signatures from all over the world ... including from many who have had bad personal experiences in hiring vans from this company. There have been numerous calls for action by others around the country, including local group Wicked Pickets, a petition by Paula Orbea in Sydney which received over 100,000 signatures and prompted a motion in the Senate condemning the company ... but still the company refuses to comply, apart from removing the odd slogan here and there, only to be quickly replaced with others that are equally or more offensive.

I believe the proposal to deregister non-complying vehicles would provide a strong incentive for companies such as Wicked Campers to comply with directives from the Advertising Standards Board to remove material from their vehicles when they have been found to be in breach of AANA guidelines. To date, this company has routinely ignored rulings against it, and as they own the vehicles on which the offending material is displayed, and the ASB has had no powers to enforce their rulings, the company has continued to get away with not playing by the same rules as other advertisers.

The material displayed on some of these vans is often highly offensive by any objective standard, especially those targeting women, using misogynistic, sexist, degrading, threatening, violent and even racist messages and imagery. They often promote drug culture and contain highly sexualised content, frequently using cartoon-like imagery which has the effect of drawing children's attention to it (use of Lego, Barbie, Wiggles, Scooby Doo, etc., engaged in sex acts or drug taking) ... Technically, they are subject to the same advertising guidelines as everyone else but as they continue to refuse to comply, the time has come to add some sort of punitive measure as an incentive.

I am confident that this legislation helps to achieve this wish by taking a much firmer stance than previous attempts and is definitely a step in the right direction.

The Transportation and Utilities Committee recommended unanimously that this bill be passed. From our submissions we were also led to believe that a large number of these campers were in an unroadworthy state. We also recommended that the minister consider introducing a requirement that all Queensland hire vehicles that are more than five years old have a current roadworthy safety certificate. The response from the minister, as we heard, was—


The Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) is not aware of any significant vehicle standards issues with hire car companies and to impose the recommended requirement on all hire car companies would be an unreasonable burden.

While annual inspections are able to check whether a vehicle is roadworthy on a particular day of the year, the mix of random and targeted enforcement undertaken by DTMR means vehicles may be checked anywhere and at any time.

Since 1 January 2012, there have been just two defect notices issued for Wicked Campers hire vehicles registered in Queensland, one of which was only a minor defect that the owner was able to correct themselves. This would not be sufficient to justify another full fleet inspection and would not suggest that these are high risk vehicles. Imposing an industry-wide audit of older hire vehicles would be resource intensive for DTMR and impose an unnecessary burden on the broader industry.

I am satisfied with that response. The minister certainly took our recommendation seriously and looked at what we had asked for.

I finish by thanking the members of the committee for their excellent and cooperative work on this legislation. I thank the member for Southport, the member for Murrumba, the member for Logan, the member for the Lytton, the member for Redlands and the member for Whitsunday. As always, I thank our hardworking secretary: Kate, Rachelle, Lyn and Mishelle. I commend this bill to the House.

 **Mr MOLHOEK** (Southport—LNP) (3.34 pm): I rise to speak in support of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016. At the outset, I want to thank the committee secretariat for their hard work in arranging the hearings and briefings in the short time frame, particularly given that Christmas and New Year were in the middle. I also acknowledge the work of the committee members. I can assure the House that the review that we conducted was robust. There were a lot of very difficult questions asked of the submitters and the department during the course of the hearings. I am satisfied that, in the main, we have addressed the main challenges that have been highlighted through this legislation.

I would like to talk a little about some of the submissions we received, particularly given that this morning in the House the LNP introduced a private member's bill to toughen up bail provisions and other matters in respect of domestic violence. It is interesting to note that a lot of the submitters had a lot to say about the impact the inappropriate use of slogans and messaging on vehicles has on shaping the minds of our young people.

The submission from YFS shared some data from a survey that was conducted. They provided interesting commentary. I think it appropriate that I read a little from their submission. This organisation has developed a program around educating young people about the need for respectful relationships. The curriculum has been developed and trialled in Victoria. They see this particular program as an important step forward in the prevention of domestic violence and in encouraging behavioural change amongst young people aged 12 to 20 years.

In their submission they went on to say that they have used evidence from the national plan to support Queensland's groundbreaking *Not now, not ever* report. They fully endorse the desire of the government to encourage respectful attitudes towards women and to discourage the sexual objectification of women and girls. They see that some of the messaging that we accept in our society is not particularly helpful.

The results of a survey they conducted of 3,000 young people two years ago indicated that one in six 12- to 24-year-olds believe that women should know their place and that one in three believe that exerting control over someone is not a form of violence. More than a quarter of those young people also believed that male verbal harassment and pressure for sex towards females were normal practices.

Clearly, they are not respectable practices. Quite clearly, from the evidence that was presented during the public hearings and the private briefings—and as the member for Kallangur quite rightly indicated before—it would be inappropriate to read out some of the slogans on those offending vehicles. I would suggest to the House that the slogans and messages that are being inappropriately displayed on many of these vans are doing anything but enforcing or reinforcing respectful behaviours from young people, particularly towards women and young girls.

This legislation is not just about cleaning up the image or appearance of these vans; it is about making a very strong statement in our society. This morning the Leader of the Opposition talked about the fact that it is time that we really made a very strong stand on this issue. The time for talk is over. It is time for action.

I believe that, in supporting this bill, we are sending the strongest possible message to those many women and girls and, in some cases, young men and adult men who have been sexually harassed or been victims of domestic violence and the people of Queensland that we do not support disrespectful behaviour or attitudes towards members of the opposite sex. I believe that this legislation is particularly important.

I want to quote briefly from a couple of the other submissions. There was concern expressed around the need to do more than just simply deregister vehicles. One of the concerns—and the shadow minister for transport highlighted this earlier—we had was whether this action would be strong enough and how realistic it would be for us to enforce that action, particularly given that many of the vehicles are registered interstate. I would at least concede that it is a step in the right direction. It is a cost and a risk that commercial operators do not need, but we have to start somewhere. I believe that by starting here we are sending a very strong message to the industry that we are serious about cleaning up this sort of marketing.

Some of the other concerns expressed were in reference to the Advertising Standards Board's basis for review. Some concern was raised about the fact that sometimes their reviews can be too subjective. Sometimes they err on the side of being flippantly in favour of sexist or offensive comments. Concern was raised by one of the submitters that, using the definitions that ASB currently use, many of the complaints about the vans may end up being overlooked or dismissed as being frivolous. My hope is that the ASB and the operators of these vans will get a very clear message from the Queensland parliament today—that is, we are over the frivolous responses to the community expectations. What we have heard very clearly through this process is that the community wants us to raise the bar. They want us to set a higher standard. They want us to stand up for our kids and for our families. They want us for this time and this generation to make a very strong statement around issues of sexual harassment and the sexual exploitation of women.

We also had a submission from the Australian Christian Lobby. Wendy Francis, the Queensland representative of that organisation, continues to be a strong advocate for families and for family values in Queensland. It was particularly pleasing to see that they were there to present and also to support the position being proposed by this legislation. I should point out that it was actually the LNP during its last term in government that initiated the need to conduct some sort of review around advertising standards generally. Even though this bill is an important step forward, there is so much more to be done. I realise that it is a can of worms. It is a highly subjective area of review.

There were concerns expressed in this House in the last term of government about billboards on entry to the Gold Coast that one particular nightclub ran that simply said, 'Welcome to sin city.' I am not sure that that is the sort of image of our cities that we want to portray. Some of the associated imagery that we see across the state in promoting other forms of entertainment is perhaps not the standard that we want either. My hope is that this will be the beginning of a revolution in Queensland and that, as a state, we will set higher standards—that we will send a much stronger message to those visitors and tourists who come to Queensland, who perhaps have come from other countries where the standards are already higher than ours—that we are a decent society, that we have values that are worth upholding and particularly that we will not tolerate inappropriate attitudes towards women and young girls.

Among the submissions we also heard from FamilyVoice. They simply raised some concern about whether the legislation and some of the definitions within the legislation may have some unintended consequences. In seeking to nail down what is decent and what is acceptable in terms of advertising or marketing methodology, they had a concern that perhaps it would open up a Pandora's box for other organisations to shut down more appropriate messaging, perhaps messaging that reinforces family values. In the committee review we asked a lot of questions of the department to make sure that those unintended consequences were not likely and that the bill as proposed is quite targeted and very specific in seeking to deal with the issues.

I also wanted to pick up a few comments from Micah. I want to acknowledge Karyn Walsh, who is the head of Micah Projects here in Brisbane. She is a remarkable woman. The work that Micah Projects do here in Brisbane and across the south-east in terms of supporting many marginalised groups—supporting the homeless and supporting people with significant disability and disadvantage—is incredible. To have Karyn come to the public hearing and want to speak about this issue I thought was a real reflection of the character of the lady. I want to honour her in the House today.

Micah Projects made a few comments in their submission and I want to share them. They are a matter of public record. In their submission they said, 'It's no laughing matter.' The demeaning of women is not a laughing matter. Micah quoted comments like, 'I've often wanted to drown my troubles, but I


can't get my wife to go swimming,' along with 'We are coming for your daughters,' or 'Dear Lucy, I can already imagine the gaffer tape on your mouth.' These are just some of the 300-odd comments that were submitted to us during the hearing. It is right that Micah would highlight the complete and utter inappropriateness of this sort of advertising or marketing supposedly in the spirit of good fun—'Hang loose and have a great time'—and in the spirit of having a semi-casual reckless holiday driving around the state sending out those messages. I am sure that there is no-one in the House here today who would disagree that this is an important piece of legislation in terms of dealing with this issue.

What is incredibly sad though is that we even have to do this. There was a time when it would never have occurred to corporations that it was appropriate to try to profit from the exploitation of women or from the sexualisation of their advertising messages. Micah says that 'there is nothing funny' about the messages on Wicked campervans that primarily run around Byron Bay and up the Queensland coast.

I think that some of the slogans in the submissions we have received during the hearings really say it all. The couple of concerns that we raised—and these will be challenges for the transport minister as he seeks to deal with some of the amendments and come back with the final draft—were to look at the regime of checking the vehicles and how enforceable that will be and the frequency of that. We raised some concerns around the frequency because some of these vans are quite old. The other challenge for the government will be not only how rigorous and enforceable the rules will be based on the fact that we are requiring the Advertising Standards Board to make a ruling as to decency but also that we are asking the department to take action, and then in some cases the vehicles will come from interstate.

There are some challenges there. At least this is a great step forward. I believe that we are sending a very strong message to the rest of Australia and to organisations like Wicked about how serious we are with the measures that we have undertaken in respect of violence towards women and the standards of decency that we are hoping and longing to see reinstated in our state to protect our women and our kids.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Elmes): Order! Before calling the member for Murrumba, I acknowledge in the public gallery the former member for Kallangur, Trevor Ruthenberg.

 **Mr WHITING** (Murrumba—ALP) (3.49 pm): I stand to speak in support of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016. I do so because it is clear from our committee processes and report that this bill has widespread support and it is clear that many of the submitters also support this bill.

One thing we can glean from these public submissions is that people approve of what we will achieve with this bill and they want the powers in this regard to go even further. Some submitters say they applaud the action targeting misogynistic and offensive advertising on vehicles, but they want the offensive advertising in other places to be addressed—for example, in shopping centres and outdoor advertising. Some submitters wanted a tougher code of ethics against which to judge offensive advertising, thereby eliminating more of it, and questioned whether the ASB's code of ethics is rigorous enough. Other submitters wanted the offending advertising removed in a quicker fashion. One submitter wanted this bill to focus only on material that was potentially inappropriate to children. They believed that material that was racially or otherwise offensive should not be the subject of this legislation. We have popular legislation that a variety of groups strongly support. It is clear that they want it to go further to address their particular concern. I take that as a positive sign. This bill will deliver real benefits for the broader society, not a specific benefit to only one segment of society.

Another thing which I think is noteworthy in this bill is that we are relying on self-regulation to deliver action as part of this bill. I believe that is appropriate, and that has been shown in the report and the submissions. The Advertising Standards Bureau and the Advertising Standards Board manage the complaint adjudication process under this bill. They stated that they have a quick, transparent and efficient way to deal with complaints about advertising. In their testimony we heard they believe they have a good record in self-regulation. It was pointed out in testimony that in the five-year period between 2011 and 2015 there was an overall decline in complaints about outdoor advertising. They reported reduced complaints about billboards from 26 per cent of all complaints to just over three per cent of all advertising complaints.

We heard that there is a high level of compliance with the board's decisions regarding advertising. The board has a record of 97 per cent compliance with its decisions over the past five years. They said it would be 99 per cent if you took away one particular troublesome customer. I found particularly interesting testimony from DTMR, which stated that the ASB is far more capable in making decisions about moral standards than what the department is. I think that is a very important point to note.

In assessing cases of offensive advertising brought before it, the Advertising Standards Board will make a determination. The chief executive of DTMR can then cancel the registration of the vehicle. We have heard a bit today about cancelling the registration of vehicles. Members of the committee feel that is an effective action. It does impose cost, and it does require time and effort to rectify that situation.

The committee considered the issue of rights of review. The Queensland Law Society had concerns that the Standards Board is not a public entity and that the process should be subject to judicial review or appeal to a court. However, what was made clear is that there are robust processes which surround the cancelling of registration. The chief executive of DTMR can withdraw the cancellation of registration if the Standards Board withdraws its breach notice—that is, if the advertisement is removed.


The ASB can carry out a review by an independent reviewer if requested. The chief executive of DTMR will make a decision only after a review has been completed. Further, the report from the committee shows that there is precedence in relying on an external body for assessment. For example, the Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2010 requires compliance with a large number of standards set by non-government bodies. The Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997 is legislation that provides for enforcement of a decision by a non-government body.

There is a third item of note stemming from the report and hearings and it reflects what has been mentioned so far by the members for Kallangur and Southport. I note with interest the link drawn by many submitters between misogynistic advertising and the treatment of women in our society, specifically the rate of family and domestic violence. I listened carefully to the causal links they were drawing and I have to say that I think they made their case well. Ms Modini from Micah Projects stated the following—

To punish these operators by cancelling the registration of their vehicles removes the offensive material promptly and it sends a clear message to offenders that the community does not tolerate their actions. If we are to fully commit to the recommendations of the *Not now, not ever* report, this is a no-brainer. We cannot sit on the fence while women are threatened and objectified by these slogans, because research clearly shows that normalising these things promotes violence against women and children and death in some cases.

As I said, it was not a link that I directly considered before I heard this evidence, but I know that we should accept what we have heard as part of this.

Finally, I want to say that I appreciate the bipartisanship shown by committee members on this bill. The report notes that there was a report to the former LNP government in 2014 which recommended a co-regulatory approach to advertising complaints management with government enforcement of Advertising Standards Board decisions. There is a history leading to the approach that is embodied in this bill. It is clear that we all want this bill passed—that is, parliamentarians, stakeholders and the public. I look forward to seeing this bill swing into action. I commend this bill to the House.

 **Mr McEACHAN** (Redlands—LNP) (3.56 pm): I rise to speak to the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016. The intent and symbolism of this bill is important. No reasonable person wants to be subjected to or have their children subjected to filth on public display, particularly by Wicked Campers. However, in the words of the bard himself 'nothing will come of nothing'. This bill exemplifies the inaction of the Palaszczuk Labor government. It is ineffective, ill-conceived and it will do nothing to address offensive slogans on our roads. As the member for Glass House said earlier, this minister appears more concerned with issuing a press release and conducting a media conference than he is in constructing a bill to properly address this issue.

It is disappointing to hear the member for Kallangur stand in this House and state the obvious: this bill could have gone further. It does not address fundamental issues. It is a bill riddled with loopholes, but according to those opposite we should not be concerned. The Palaszczuk Labor government might have a plan to close the loopholes. I suppose we will have to wait and see.

It surprises none of us on this side of the House that this do-nothing government has taken two years of being in office to propose this bill to rid Queensland of offensive slogans on vehicles. The Attorney-General has promised action but nothing has come of it—again, hardly a surprise to us waiting for the Attorney-General to take action on serious issues in Queensland. I refer to issues like serious breaches of bail occurring in unregulated rehabilitation facilities in Thornlands—a matter the Attorney-General and police minister have refused to meet with me to discuss.

Queenslanders have come to expect this sort of inaction. In 2014 the LNP government introduced a parliamentary inquiry into sexually explicit outdoor advertising. The inquiry recommended the Australian Association of National Advertisers be given the statutory authority to force compliance if

companies were found in breach of the code of standards. Instead of following on from the work done in this inquiry, the Palaszczuk Labor government has drafted a bill which will allow companies like Wicked Campers to deregister their vehicles found not to comply with an ASB decision. The results of this Labor bill will be noncompliant companies moving their fleet registration to New South Wales.

I note, as my colleagues have, that the Queensland Law Society raised a concern that the bill's new section 19N providing for limitation of review removed the right of review including internal, external and judicial review. The real concern here is that there is no lasting penalty for a company in open defiance of the standards set by the ASB and by our community. Companies can change an offensive slogan by removing the previous slogan and allowing the whole complaint process to start all over again. It is disappointing to see legislation proposed in this House that does not fully consider the problem at hand. This bill addresses only some of the elements of the issues relating to offensive vehicle advertising. It is a do-nothing bill, much like this do-nothing government. Finally, I would like to thank my fellow committee members and the members of the secretariat for their professionalism and hard work.



Ms PEASE (Lytton—ALP) (4.00 pm): I rise to speak in support of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016. The aim of the bill is to ensure that vehicles registered in Queensland are not driving around with sexist, obscene or otherwise offensive advertising displayed on them. This bill was endorsed unanimously—and I will repeat that: unanimously—by both sides of the House. Therefore, it is a surprise to come in here today and hear non-government members speaking against the bill, particularly committee members who endorsed the report and the bill.

I am not easily offended, although I am a little bit offended by the behaviour in here today of the non-government members of the committee. I am broad-minded, I can take a joke and I love to see the humour in things. However, I have been appalled by the offensive messaging of a Queensland based van hire business's advertising on their motor vehicles. These moving billboards are not funny or clever. They are, however, inappropriate, sexist and downright offensive. I certainly find some of the content offensive and I know that many others feel the same. I found it difficult to explain to my elderly mother when she was alive and to my children why this business could use such offensive language, what was its purpose and what did they possibly hope to achieve.

Advertising on vehicles is like outdoor advertising and is generally regarded as a very effective marketing and communication tool. Advertising on vehicles is viewed in the public domain—on the road, in car parks, campgrounds and driveways and parked on the side of the road. In fact, anywhere that a motor vehicle can go, the advertising goes with it. Therefore, it has the potential to reach a large number and wide range of people, including children. However, unlike other forms of advertising, this form of advertising is visible to all consumers at all times, which means that exposure to this type of advertising cannot be avoided; it cannot be turned off; the page cannot be turned. It is there on the road, in a camping ground, in a shopping centre right in front of us and unless we close our eyes, it cannot be avoided.

Advertising, including advertising on vehicles, is self-regulated by the advertising industry. The Australian Association of National Advertisers has developed the code of ethics with which the advertising industry voluntarily agrees to be bound. These rules are detailed in a number of codes and industry initiatives that are based on the belief that advertisements should be legal, decent, honest and truthful and should be prepared with a sense of obligation to the consumer and society and with a sense of fairness and responsibility to consumers.

While most advertisers do the right thing, there are occasions when advertisements are placed on vehicles that are sexist or that are discriminatory or otherwise offensive to members of the community, including me, my family and my community and, I suggest, many people in this room. Unfortunately, a particular Queensland van hire rental business is widely known across the world for having inappropriate and crude slogans on their vehicles. It has been the subject of several complaints to the Advertising Standards Bureau and has been the focus of community-led campaigns, run by people who have been appalled by this advertising, to remove such slogans from their vehicles.

Public awareness and outrage about these slogans became widespread following a campaign against this business in 2014 when a Sydney mother noticed a slogan on a van that began with 'In every Princess'—I will not continue with the slogan as it contains not only an offensive word but also an offensive statement. A petition with 127,193 signatures was presented to the business in question. This prompted an apology, the removal of the slogan in question and a commitment by the business over the coming six months to change slogans of an offensive or insensitive nature.

As I mentioned earlier, advertising on vehicles is self-regulated. It is also visible to road users and others and cannot simply be turned off. In response to the longstanding community concern about sexually explicit, misogynistic and otherwise offensive images and slogans, the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills, the Hon. Yvette D'Ath, announced that the government would introduce legislation to regulate offensive advertising on vehicles.

Complaints about offensive advertising are currently made to the ASB. It is a well-respected process based on international best practice for considering and resolving these complaints. Three features of the process are notable. Firstly, the process is based around the Australian Association of National Advertisers' code of ethics, which seeks to ensure that advertisements are, amongst other things, decent and truthful. For example, the code requires that advertising does not depict material in a way that is discriminatory, that sexual appeal should not be employed in a way that is degrading to any individual or group and that sex, sexuality and nudity should be treated with sensitivity relative to the audience.

Secondly, the assessment of complaints is handled by the Advertising Standards Board, which is made up of 20 people that represent the diversity of the Australian community. Members of the board are individually and collectively independent of the advertising industry. Thirdly, the ASB's process provides procedural fairness as an advertiser is able to respond to any complaints made about their ad before the board makes a determination. Further, a review is available if the advertiser or the complainant does not agree with the board's determination. In the vast majority of cases where the ASB makes an adverse determination about a particular ad, the advertiser either withdraws the ad or modifies it to remove the offensive aspect. This self-regulation model works extremely well, but it does rely on the cooperation and support of industry. If an advertiser chooses not to comply with an adverse determination, there is no power for the ASB to enforce it.

The Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016 allows further action to be taken where an advertiser ignores a determination made by the Advertising Standards Board. The bill will allow the chief executive of the Department of Transport and Main Roads to issue a notice to the registered operator advising of the intention to deregister the vehicle on a stated date—that will be at least 14 days after the notice is issued—unless the ASB withdraws the notification. Further, it will allow the chief executive officer to exercise discretion to delay deregistration of a vehicle for a reasonable period if, for example, the vehicle is out on hire at the time of the proposed deregistration. The bill also ensures that a registered operator cannot transfer the vehicle registration to avoid deregistration and allows the chief executive to cancel the registration if the advertisement is not removed within the time frame.

The bill will also ensure that the registered operator is not entitled to a refund of the registration fee after the registration is cancelled. It will further ensure that a person cannot reregister a vehicle after it has been deregistered unless there is a statutory declaration verifying that the advertisement has been removed. These amendments will encourage advertisers to modify or remove offensive advertising on vehicles, and the amendments allow sufficient time and warning for this advertising to be removed to avoid deregistration.


The committee received 11 submissions and they received a briefing from the Department of Transport and Main Roads and held a public hearing on 30 November to which stakeholders were invited to attend. I would like to thank all of those who made a submission and attended and gave evidence at the public hearings. I would also like to thank the chair, Mr Shane King, the member for Kallangur—

Mr Pearce: A great chair.

Ms PEASE: He is indeed. I will take that interjection. I thank the chair, Mr Shane King, for his excellent stewardship of the committee, my fellow committee members and also the wonderful work of the secretariat, who display impeccable professionalism and efficiency at all times.

This bill provides considerable motivation for offensive advertising to be removed voluntarily. It also provides concrete follow-up action where an advertiser refuses to act to remove an ad. The legislation will not impact the overwhelming majority of vehicle advertising and targets only the worst examples that have no place whatsoever on the roads. As a woman, a mother and, importantly, a road user and community member, I am thrilled to see action being taken to ensure that vehicles registered in Queensland are not driving around with sexist, obscene or otherwise offensive material displayed on them.

I am proud to be part of the Palaszczuk government—a government that, as the Premier said this morning, has in the past two years delivered 442 commitments of the 553, which is 80 per cent of our commitments, and they have all been delivered 66 per cent of the way through our three-year term. I commend the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016 to the parliament.

 **Mr MADDEN** (Ipswich West—ALP) (4.09 pm): I rise to speak in support of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016. As the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply stated in his first reading speech on 8 November 2016, this bill amends the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995. The purpose of the bill is to ensure that vehicles registered in Queensland are not driving around displaying sexist, obscene and otherwise offensive advertising.


Advertising on the sides of vehicles is visible to all road users. They do not have the option to look away and, unlike other forms of advertising, you cannot simply switch off or turn the page if you find it offensive. It is impossible to protect our children from such advertising. We are all familiar with the sexually derogatory slogans and cartoons that feature on Wicked campervans. This legislation will stamp out this sexist advertising in Queensland because, under the legislation, the motor vehicle can be deregistered by the Queensland Department of Transport if the advertising is not removed. As the Queensland Premier has said, in Queensland there is no place for sexist misogynist rubbish on full display. Her concerns reflect the growing concerns of the general community about sexually explicit, misogynist, offensive images and slogans that appear on vehicles, particularly campervans. This parliament has a duty to address this concern, and it can do so with this legislation.

Currently, advertising, including advertising on vehicles, is self-regulated by the industry. The Australian Association of National Advertisers has developed a code of ethics for advertisers which seeks to ensure that advertisements are legal, decent, honest and truthful and that they have been prepared with a sense of obligation to consumers and society. The vast majority of advertising displayed on vehicles complies with the relevant codes. Complaints about breaches of the code of ethics are made to the Advertising Standards Bureau, the ASB, and determined by the Advertising Standards Board, which is an independent board comprised of 20 people who represent the diversity of Australian culture. The ASB is an independent body experienced in administering the system of advertising self-regulation.

The bill introduces new provisions to apply when the ASB notifies the Chief Executive of the Department of Transport and Main Roads through an advertising breach notice that advertising on a Queensland registered vehicle has been determined by the Advertising Standards Board to breach the code of ethics. The new provisions allow the Chief Executive to, amongst other provisions, give a registration cancellation notice to the registered operator advising that the vehicle's registration will be cancelled on a stated date unless the ASB's advertising breach notice is withdrawn. The approach outlined in the bill ensures that the Chief Executive of the Department of Transport and Main Roads can use registration cancellation to enforce the Advertising Standards Board's determinations. The process contained in the bill builds on robust ASB processes which provide sufficient notice and opportunity for the advertisement to be modified or removed so that deregistration can be avoided. In addition, the inconvenience and cost of reregistering vehicles are further incentives to encourage compliance with Advertising Standards Board determinations to avoid registration cancellation.

As the minister outlined in his first reading speech, the bill delivers on the government's commitment in a measured, fair and pragmatic way. The provisions are only activated once the ASB processes, including a review, have been completed and the ASB has notified the Department of Transport and Main Roads that an adverse determination has been made against a vehicle registered in Queensland. Even after the department is notified, however, the registration will not automatically be cancelled. The department will provide a written notification to the registered operator of the vehicle that the registration may be cancelled on the date stated in the notice.

In closing, I submit that the government appreciates that the principles that underpin these amendments are the commercial imperative of all businesses to keep their vehicles on the road and to avoid adverse public comment from their customers. The ASB process, together with the new processes contained in this bill, ensures there are multiple opportunities for advertisements to be removed from vehicles voluntarily. It also provides concrete follow-up action if the vehicle owner refuses to do so. I commend the bill to the House.

 **Ms SIMPSON** (Maroochydore—LNP) (4.14 pm): Cruelty is not funny. Wicked vans are just nasty and they are cruel, and women and children are the losers under their marketing strategies. The sexualisation of public space and the publishing of violent and cruel advertising slogans devalue women

and children. Kids miss nothing with regard to what is published in the public square and what adults say is permissible to publish in the public square. Broadcasters have tough rules of enforcement and require published warnings about sexualised and violent content. While these rules are not perfect, there is recognition that this material is regulated in these forums and that warnings help people to choose not to see things. Kids going past a billboard or a Wicked van with offensive images or slogans do not get the benefit of a warning, which would not solve the problem anyway because there is no way to unsee some of the vicious and nasty things which are being published.

It is somewhat ironic that the parliamentary committee, which I believe did a good job trying to tackle this issue, published a warning at the front of their report about the material in the report because it is so offensive, and yet children in the public space do not get the benefit of being able to unsee the very same material. We do not want children to potentially follow the behaviour advocated by these crass and vicious slogans or be subject to them. We do not need them to tolerate the intolerable as just a joke or, at worst, to believe that they themselves are not valuable and therefore are not worthy of respect in the behaviour which others practise towards them.

That some commercial interests reject the rules of good corporate citizenry and fail to do the right thing under self-regulation proves that there have to be penalties rather than limp lettuce leaf warnings from the ASB in response to significant breaches of the code. This bill is not the total solution. It does need to go further to address the problem. It is better than nothing and it does help, but I think we all need to try harder to get it right, as kids deserve safe public spaces where cruel and violent and sexist comments or images about girls and women are not laughed off as just a joke.

The bill with regard to Wicked vans comes two years after the Labor government took office and inherited a bipartisan parliamentary report into the broader issue of advertising breaches in the public space, which the LNP initiated during the previous parliament. There was good bipartisanship with regard to this issue and I think that does continue with respect to the problem but, as I said, I think we need to find better ways to address these issues.

The report and inquiry clearly established that there was a problem with a lack of penalties for breaches of the advertisers' code of ethics as determined by the Advertising Standards Bureau and canvassed possible solutions. In effect, the penalty as proposed in this bill will now allow for vehicles in breach of the code, such as some of the cruel nasties of Wicked vans infamy, to be deregistered. The bill does not overcome the problem of other billboards in the public space which are in breach of the code, nor does it prevent people from registering their vehicles interstate, but it does provide one mechanism with regard to vehicles registered in Queensland.

This is an issue that is not going to go away. As I have outlined, it is not a perfect bill. I think that we share a concern about the issues at hand. I think we need to continue to strive to get this issue right.



Mr BROWN (Capalaba—ALP) (4.19 pm): I rise to make a short contribution to the debate of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016. I thank the committee, which acted in a quick and bipartisan fashion. I also thank the two ministers involved—the Attorney-General and the Minister for Main Roads—because they did not do nothing; they did something and they did it in a quick and efficient fashion. It was surprising to hear the members for Redlands and Glass House talk about a do-nothing government when we did something and we did it in an expedient and unanimous fashion.

I like to remind those opposite that this issue was around before 2015. In fact, there have been many references to the review. The member for Southport claimed victory in relation to the review. Apparently, LNP reviews are good but our reviews are bad. I am getting mixed messages from those opposite today: when we do something it is bad but when they do nothing it is good. I congratulate the two ministers involved, because I think they have struck a good balance between freedom of speech and freedom of advertising in a way that will penalise vans such as those operated by Wicked Campers. That is what we are trying to do with this piece of legislation.

I acknowledge the work of Wicked Pickets, particularly Anna McCormack, who comes from Redlands, in being at the forefront of the community outrage about Wicked Campers vans. They have done tremendous work to highlight this issue and bring it to a head. They lobby on this issue across Australia. They say that we have not gone far enough with this legislation, but I think we have struck the right balance. I do not necessarily agree with all of the actions of Wicked Pickets. Hopefully, they can now put down the cans of spray paint and not use them on cars—that is one of the methods they said the public should use—because this legislation will be effective and strikes the right balance between freedom to advertise and ensuring grubby material is not displayed on the side of these vans. I commend the bill to the House.



Miss BARTON (Broadwater—LNP) (4.21 pm): I, too, rise in the House to make a contribution to the debate of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016. It is very appropriate that the former member for Kallangur, Trevor Ruthenberg, has been in and around parliament today. Those of us who were members of the last parliament would know of the great work Trevor did as the chair of the health and communities committee that undertook the 2014 inquiry. He did an absolutely fantastic job on that committee.

Like everyone in this House, I am absolutely disgusted by the vulgarity we see on these vehicles—no-one could not be—but we need a tangible response that will deliver real outcomes, that responds to what the people of Queensland want. The real concern I have with the legislation before the House is that we are creating a toothless tiger which creates a false sense of security for Queenslanders. The member for Capalaba said that people who have been using alternative ways to deal with the vulgar messages we see will not have to resort to such tactics, but the reality is that the system the government is talking about today will give people an alternative in that they will be able to register vehicles in other jurisdictions. Those who have travelled around regional Queensland and have picked up a hire car would know that more often than not those cars are not registered in Queensland. Very clearly, there is a real concern that Wicked Campers vans can be registered in another jurisdiction, be it New South Wales or Victoria, and the real issue will not be addressed.

When in government the LNP took the opportunity to undertake an inquiry into advertising. It was a very broad-ranging inquiry—it did not just look at things like the Wicked Campers; the member for Southport touched on the issue of billboards and the like—around offensive advertising. As a result, before the last parliament was prorogued the LNP was in the process of drafting legislation. That inquiry—it has been touched on by the members for Glass House, Southport and Redlands—recommended financial penalties as a way to stop companies like Wicked Campers displaying vulgar slogans on the sides of their cars. I think that would deliver the outcomes Queenslanders and this House clearly want to see and deliver the change Queenslanders have been calling for for a very long time.

The member for Capalaba talked about the government doing something. I think he forgot to say that it has finally done something. As we know, over the past two years this government has really failed to do anything. In true Palaszczuk Labor style, they started with another inquiry. Having been willing participants in the parliamentary inquiry in the last term of government, those opposite could have picked up where we left off, because we know that whenever the government has done something they have just been handing in our homework. It beggars belief that the Labor Party would not take the opportunity to pick up where we left off. The work had been done. A parliamentary inquiry had shown what changes needed to be made. Instead we see another inquiry and we see this legislation before the House.


A lot of people are concerned about the complaints process that will lead to the Department of Transport and Main Roads being in a position to deregister a vehicle in the first place, notwithstanding the potential jurisdictional issues I have already raised. Individuals will have to make a complaint about a particular slogan on a particular van. That will require someone travelling on the road to make sure they remember the details of the slogan and the details of the van, perhaps noting its registration details. They will then need to make a written complaint to the Advertising Standards Bureau. Then it goes through a process. The reality is that all that leads to is one particular van perhaps being deregistered in Queensland and then going over the border to New South Wales. As I understand it, during the committee's proceedings—I am sure the member for Redlands can correct me if I am wrong—officials from the Department of Transport and Main Roads identified that it would be incredibly difficult to police these vehicles being registered in another jurisdiction and then being used in Queensland.

The legislation does not address the vulgarity of the slogans. It does not address the images that are being seen by anyone in this state. The member for Maroochydore spoke particularly about children. As we know, the brains of children are like sponges. Children take in everything they see around them. They are naturally curious. They look around and they ask questions. I am not a parent, but I am sure there is many a parent in this House who has been asked a very difficult question by a young child because they have seen something and they want to know what it is. Perhaps parents are not quite ready to explain such detail to young children. I think very rightly, some concerns have been raised about the efficacy of this bill. I know that the member for Glass House has, on behalf of the opposition, raised some very significant and serious concerns.

People in my electorate have come to me time and time again asking for real, tangible change. None of us wants to see slogans that refer to women's genitalia or make disparaging comments about women. It is disappointing that when the parliament has an opportunity to make real, tangible, positive


change—the Leader of the Opposition talked about that in the House this morning—what we have in front of us is a piece of legislation that purports to do that but which, I believe, creates a false sense of security for many Queenslanders. It is incredibly disappointing that this government has not taken the opportunity to introduce the measures required to effect real, positive, tangible change.

As I said, this is about making sure that we can get rid of these really vulgar statements off the sides of vehicles so that Queensland families, Queensland children and men and women driving around this state do not need to see such offensive and disparaging commentary. It is just a shame that the legislation that is currently being considered will ultimately probably not lead to a change in behaviour but will lead to a change in the jurisdiction in which these vans are registered.

 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (4.30 pm): I rise to speak in support of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016 and want to thank the committee for its work and those who made submissions. One of the things that I have enjoyed most about parenthood is observing my children developing their reading, writing and language skills. Imagine how exciting it is after reading to your children every night to hear them finally sounding out words and reading signs independently. Most parents will be very familiar with the phase where a child suddenly starts to read everything. They read cereal boxes and advertising brochures. They even read election signs! It is great to be present and observe that natural human curiosity being used to develop and nourish a young mind. Imagine my horror when driving around I heard my young daughter saying a phrase that was extremely derogatory towards women. That happened about five years ago and it was the first time I really took any notice of the advertising on Wicked Campers and I started to read them myself. Some were clever. Some were funny. Some were satirical. Some had been designed to shatter sacred idols and provoke thought and others had been designed to raise awareness about an issue. However, disturbingly, many were designed to denigrate women and some even seemed to be glorifying rape.

We have relied on a voluntary code of conduct to try to control this sort of thing and I am pleased to say that the vast majority of advertisers comply with this code of conduct, but sadly not all. That is why I am supporting this legislation. It is taking real and practical action to deal with this issue. Of course, some people will throw up the usual arguments and statements about the nanny state and interference with freedom of speech, but I do not think the people who originally conceived the notion of freedom of speech would tolerate those arguments. They no doubt used it to make statements about a range of things that were wrong in our society. They no doubt railed against power being concentrated in the hands of one person or against slavery or against women being denied education and the vote or against children being sent into industrial workplaces. I suspect they never would have used it to normalise and build acceptance of the denigration or sexual assault of women and nor would they have used it to make a profit by making fun of homosexuals and ethnic groups.

No doubt many other people with legal skills will duke out the legal points about freedom of speech, and I note the report's comments in relation to this. I prefer to take my cues from the people in my electorate. When I have spoken to them about this issue, they agree that these slogans are not acceptable. The people of my electorate find many of the slogans on the sides of these vans offensive and they agree that they serve absolutely no purpose in terms of making an artistic, political or moral statement. They certainly agree, like me, that they do not want to be stuck in traffic with kids in the car and have to explain what these things mean. We are a very tolerant society. We accommodate a wide range of views, beliefs and lifestyles. However, we should not fall into the trap of allowing freedom of speech arguments to be misused. We should be unafraid to recognise and enforce standards of common decency. I commend this bill to the House.

 **Ms LINARD** (Nudgee—ALP) (4.33 pm): I rise to speak in support of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill—a bill that will address the longstanding issue of offensive advertising on vehicles in Queensland. It is not my intention to restate in detail the new provisions contained in the bill. Other speakers before me have already done so ably. What I will say is that the vast majority of advertising displayed on vehicles complies with the relevant advertising code of ethics and meets community expectations. Where breaches have been identified, data compiled by the Advertising Standards Bureau and cited in the Transportation and Utilities Committee report places compliance at over 97 per cent over the past five years, so we know that the overwhelming majority of advertisers are doing the right thing.

However, it has been a cause of concern for some time now that some complaints about particularly offensive advertising on certain vehicles are going unaddressed. Complaints about breaches of the code of ethics are made to the Advertising Standards Bureau and determined by the

Advertising Standards Board—an independent board of 20 people representing the diversity of Australian society. A good friend of mine is on that board and is a passionate advocate for the work of the board, which has been very well regarded within the industry for many years now. While most advertisers comply—and earlier I quoted a compliance rate of over 97 per cent—in a small number of cases where an advertiser decides not to comply with the board's determination, neither the board nor the Advertising Standards Bureau currently have any powers to enforce the determination. This has been the case with the well publicised issues with Wicked Campers' vehicles displaying highly sexualised and explicit images and slogans that vilify women and girls which has incited considerable community uproar and has been mentioned repeatedly today.

Australians have a wonderful sense of humour and I think it is fair to say that we have a great tolerance for tongue-in-cheek, clever or witty advertising, but the images that this legislation will address go too far. They are not funny and they are not entertaining. They are demeaning, offensive at best and promote violence at worst. As cited in Micah Projects' submission to the committee—and I understand Micah was mentioned earlier by the member for Southport—some of these offensive slogans have even gone so far as to threaten harm to prominent women who have challenged them. Like many of my colleagues, I feel very passionate about this bill. As a woman I have found many of the images displayed degrading and personally offensive and as a mother I have struggled to either avoid or explain the graphic content of these images or slogans to my young boys. These images do not depict how my husband and I are raising our boys to view women, to refer to women and to treat women. It is not how I as a Queenslanders want visitors to our great state thinking we view women in our community.

This bill will address the lack of enforcement powers currently undermining the Advertising Standards Board's capacity to meet community expectations in this regard. The bill will allow the chief executive of the Department of Transport and Main Roads to cancel a vehicle's registration to enforce Advertising Standards Board determinations where no action has been taken by the advertiser to modify or remove an advertisement that breaches the code of ethics. Importantly, the bill strikes the balance between allowing the Advertising Standards Bureau's current process to run its course, including any review, before deregistration takes place. Every opportunity is afforded to the registered operator to comply with the bureau's determination whether by modifying or removing the advertisement before deregistration. This legislation responds to and restores community expectations of advertising and further empowers determinations of the Advertising Standards Board.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Attorney-General, Yvette D'Ath, and Minister for Main Roads, Mark Bailey, for working collaboratively to find a solution to this issue and bring this legislation before the House. Similarly, I want to thank the committee chair and member for Kallangur, Shane King, and members of the Transportation and Utilities Committee who unanimously recommended that the bill be passed. Finally, I want to acknowledge the ongoing valuable work of the Advertising Standards Board and commend the bill to the House.



Mrs STUCKEY (Currumbin—LNP) (4.38 pm): I rise to contribute to the debate on the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016. On 8 November last year the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports introduced this bill and it was referred to the Transportation and Utilities Committee, which was required to report on it by 2 February 2017. Committee report No. 33 tells us that the bill's objective is to minimise the amount of offensive advertising on Queensland registered vehicles by allowing the chief executive of the Department of Transport and Main Roads to cancel a vehicle's registration to enforce the Advertising Standards Board's determinations.

The explanatory notes state—

Currently, advertising, including advertising on vehicles, is self-regulated by the industry.

A code of ethics has been developed by the Australian Association of National Advertisers—the AANA—in an attempt to ensure that advertisements are truthful, legal, decent and honest. Section 2.1 of the AANA code of ethics states—

Advertising or Marketing Communications shall not portray people or depict material in a way which discriminates against or vilifies a person or section of the community on account of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, age, sexual preference, religion, disability, mental illness or political belief.

The Advertising Standards Bureau is an independent board of 20 people purportedly representing the diversity of our Australian society who receive complaints about offensive advertisements from the AANA. The latest figures reveal that the ASB received 861 complaints about 79 ads in January 2017. That is a heck of a lot of complaints for this committee to consider.

However, neither the standards board nor the AANA have any powers to enforce any decision or determinations by the board. If an advertiser decides not to comply, the offending advertisement continues. It must be noted that the majority of advertisers either modify the content or stop the advert altogether, but there are a few offenders who ignore the decision made by the standards board.

Many complaints about vehicles bearing offensive slogans, cartoons and messages have been reported. My electorate office has received a number of complaints, particularly in recent years, about billboards and also the disgraceful vilification of women exhibited by Wicked Campers, a vehicle rental company based in Brisbane. The slogans and artwork on these vans is often degrading and insulting to women so much so that in 2015 Lonely Planet, the world's largest travel publisher, apparently announced that it would remove Wicked Campers from its New Zealand and Australian guidebooks.

The media has reported that Wicked Campers is widely known for having inappropriate and crude slogans on their vehicles and has been the subject of several complaints to the ASB and the focus of community-led campaigns to remove such slogans on their vehicles. The Australian Standards Bureau CEO Fiona Jolly said that Wicked was 'The one and only non-compliant advertiser in Australia'. In the past four years, there have been 74 complaints about Wicked vans, of which 49 have been upheld, meaning that they were found to breach community standards.

A 2014 campaign against Wicked Campers was launched when a Sydney mother noticed a slogan on a van that started with 'In every little princess there is a little'—and I have too much respect for this House to finish that sentence or any of the other filthy, derogatory messages. That resulted in a protest petition with 127,193 signatures being presented to Wicked Campers, prompting an apology, the removal of the slogan in question and a commitment over the coming six months to changing slogans of an insensitive nature.

This did not go unnoticed by the LNP. In fact, in 2014 the LNP government instigated a parliamentary inquiry into sexually explicit outdoor advertising. The recommendations from that inquiry included the AANA being given the statutory authority to force compliance where companies were found to have breached codes or acceptable standards. The LNP was in the process of drafting legislation when the 2015 election was called. I listened to the minister mocking this and think that he doth protest too much. On 19 May 2016, journalist Amy Remeikis wrote—

The review into the state's anti-discrimination act, which was meant to also encompass how the Palaszczuk Government could potentially tackle Wicked Campers' offensive slogans, was never started.

She continued—

Attorney-General Yvette D'Ath told Fairfax Media in July last year—

that was 2015—

the Queensland Law Reform Commission, 'as part of its ongoing jurisdiction', 'will start a review of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, this year', when asked whether the state could add vilification against gender to the act, to give legislative teeth to the fight against derogative slogans used by the campervan hire company.

Nearly a year later, no review of the act has been listed on the—

department's—

... website under either current or completed reviews.

A glimpse of that website today reveals that it is still not there. Although it is positive to see some movement at the station, as the saying goes, there is no doubt that, despite two years wasted by a dithering Labor government with reviews when the LNP had already done its homework, this lazy government has now brought forward a bill that is poorly thought through and drafted. Instead of tightening loopholes that allow offensive advertising to continue, the Palaszczuk government has shifted the problem. Businesses such as Wicked Campers can simply move interstate. Some already have. The Department of Transport and Main Roads confirmed that it would be difficult to track how long vehicles stayed in Queensland.

Representing a border electorate presents many challenges on a daily basis, with services and regulations varying between states. The recently announced cross-border agreement recognises these difficulties and time will tell if the actions listed within it prove helpful. I call on the Premier to include this issue in the work list of items to be reported upon annually.

The electorate of Currumbin benefits enormously from tourism events. In a few weeks time my electorate will be hosting major events such as the Quicksilver Pro as well as surf-lifesaving and Ironman and Ironwoman contests. I would like to take a moment to congratulate our very own Mick Fanning on being a recipient of a 2017 Australia Day honour. Visitors flock to the Currumbin electorate's

world-class beaches and there are plenty of bold billboards and branding adorning its foreshores. There are caravans and campervans—and Wicked ones at that. The Currumbin electorate is a family-friendly destination and does not wish to have young visitors exposed to some of the crude banter that is plastered on these vans.

The committee received 11 submissions from a range of individuals and organisations and made two recommendations. The first recommendation was that this bill be passed. The second recommendation was that the minister consider introducing a requirement that all Queensland hire vehicles that are more than five years old have a current roadworthy safety certificate. I note that the minister has knocked this recommendation on the head with a very poor excuse.

Only last week my office received the following email from a constituent concerned about the message a provocative sign on a billboard was doing to the reputation of the Gold Coast in the lead-up to the 2018 Commonwealth Games. It said—


Whatever the merits of such advertising as the SIN CITY BILLBOARD at this prominent intersection leading from the Airport and at a gateway to the Gold Coast, I think it is possibly not the message we want to convey on the world stage generally, and certainly not what we want to convey leading up to and during the Commonwealth Games. You know I'm not a prude but it promotes an adult image of our city that is inconsistent with the family theme inherent in the Games.

Mind you, it is not the first time that this particular billboard has come under criticism for its explicit advertising. An earlier complaint to the Department of Transport and Main Roads received the following reply—

- It should also be noted that the ... sign in question, is located within private property and not within the boundary of a state-controlled road.
- ...
- The advertising industry adopts The Australian Association of National Advertisers ... Advertiser Code of Ethics as a means of self-regulation for advertising on roadside signage. TMR does not have the statutory power to approve, or otherwise, the content of Advertising Devices outside the boundaries of a state-controlled road.

The subject of this legislation brought back memories of holidaying in Byron Bay with my two children a dozen or so years ago. Back then, I found the messages on Wicked Campers insulting to women. Some say that we should just laugh it off, but the subliminal message is stored in the mind and reinforces the notion of women as subservient and sex objects. At that time, my kids were old enough to have already formed their values and beliefs, but I have to say that, if they had been younger, I would not have liked one of these boldly painted kombivans pulling up next to me at traffic lights, the beach or anywhere else close for that matter. They have no place in a modern and caring society.

All of us in this House are in agreement that we must do what we can to protect our children from visually disturbing images and protect women from demeaning, publicly displayed messages. With child abuse rampant and the incidence of domestic violence escalating, offensive advertising of this nature should not be tolerated. Although the LNP will not be opposing this legislation, it is concerned that there is an opportunity lost here and that means that this unacceptable activity may still be able to flourish elsewhere.

 **Ms DONALDSON** (Bundaberg—ALP) (4.48 pm): I rise to make a brief contribution to the debate on the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016. I would like to congratulate the Minister for Main Roads for bringing this very important bill to the House. I would also like to thank the members of the committee who examined the bill and recommended that it be passed as well as everybody who made a submission to the committee.


It is disturbing that in Queensland in the 21st century we still have offensive advertising plastered all over unroadworthy vehicles and that these are driven predominantly by visitors to our beautiful state. My electorate of Bundaberg is a hot spot for backpackers. Sadly, I have seen these vans parked in the CBD with their offensive slogans on display for everyone who is shopping or going about their business. That includes parents with their children who cannot get away from these slogans and cannot turn them off. Parents who are in the CBD shopping do not want to be answering questions from their children about the meaning of the slogans on these vans. As other speakers have identified, when in traffic or behind these vans one cannot not look at them. One cannot get them to go away. It is something that is fairly difficult to turn off and ignore.

With all the work being done by the Palaszczuk government to address domestic and family violence and violence against women, to continue to allow these vehicles to be on our streets is not compatible with the values of people in Queensland. These vans with offensive messages have no

place in Queensland. Any message that is offensive or discriminatory or seeks to joke about rape or assault is not welcome in Queensland. This bill sends a very strong message to these van operators that their brand of advertising is not welcome, certainly not in Bundaberg or anywhere else in Queensland.

There is also the issue of the roadworthiness of these vehicles. We know that there are operators who are happy to put people's safety at risk to make a quick buck. The people who hire these vans are generally young people who are travelling on a shoestring budget. I am sure that I am not the only person who has seen them broken down on the side of the Bruce Highway as I have been driving up and down the Bruce Highway. I have seen young people sitting around waiting to either get picked up or towed to where they need to go. When parents send their young people off on their adventure around Australia I am sure they would be horrified to see not just the offensive slogans on the vehicles their children are driving around in but also the condition of the vehicles that they are driving in.

There is so much work being done in schools and homes to teach our children about respectful relationships. All of this work is being undermined as soon as children walk out their front door or school gate and are confronted by the offensive messages that are on these vans. This sends mixed messages to vulnerable inquisitive minds that are looking out at the world to learn what is acceptable in our community. I think today in this chamber we have sent a message that if your business model involves offensive slogans or advertising as the only way you can get people to hire your unsafe vehicles then your business model does not have a place here in Queensland. I commend the bill to the House.

 **Ms HOWARD** (Ipswich—ALP) (4.52 pm): I rise to speak in support of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill. In so doing I commend the Minister for Main Roads, Hon. Mark Bailey, and the Attorney-General, Hon. Yvette D'Ath, for their work on this bill. I thank the many activists and the members of the committee. When I talk about the activists I think about Wicked Pickets who are led by the rather fierce and wonderful Anna McCormack and others who have been so tenacious in their efforts to speak out on this important issue. I had the pleasure of meeting the activists behind Wicked Pickets in July 2015 when I attended a rally they had organised in Brisbane calling for action against the misogynistic, racist and insulting slogans on campervans that we know as Wicked Campers. I was proud to lend my support to Wicked Pickets' aims to have the awful slogans painted on Wicked Campers off our streets and I was happy to do what I could to assist.

At the rally I received a petition that Wicked Pickets had prepared on behalf of the Queensland Minister for Women, Hon. Shannon Fentiman. I would like to acknowledge the advocacy of Minister Fentiman who wrote to the owner of Wicked Campers expressing her deep concern at the blatant use of imagery and slogans that condone violence against women and perpetuate the culture and attitudes that lead to violence. Minister Fentiman, like so many thinking Queenslanders, understands why it is important that objectification and stereotyping of women is not accepted, especially when displayed by a commercial organisation on our public roads where we have to look at it whether we like it or not.

I was happy to lend my support as a proud feminist, mother of a proud feminist, sister of a proud feminist, cousin of a proud feminist and aunt of a proud feminist. Like many I have been appalled at the crass and vile slogans painted on Wicked Campers and, like many, I cannot fathom why anyone would want to do such a thing. Certainly no-one I knew was laughing. In the context of growing statistics of violence towards women, these vans with their slogans and images are particularly concerning. What this company fails to appreciate is that violence against women exists on a spectrum. At one end there are misogynist attitudes which this company champions. Their insulting, denigrating, belittling statements, slogans and images disguised as humour make most of us feel uncomfortable and angry because they are being told against the backdrop of a society that systematically denigrates women. The basic premise of these slogans assumes women enjoy being downtrodden or made fun of because of their gender. Furthermore, it assumes that our society enjoys seeing women objectified and made fun of because of their gender. What is concerning is that we all know that misogynistic attitudes are the building blocks for more extreme forms of violence against women that are endemic in this country, including forced sex, emotional, psychological and financial abuse, revenge porn, physical violence, stalking, rape and murder.

We know that two Australian women on average are killed every week. Some are targeted in seemingly opportunist acts like the case of teacher Stephanie Scott, allegedly abducted by a cleaner at her school just days before she was due to be married, but many more are killed by people they know well: husbands, partners and fathers. As more people become aware of the extent of violence against women there are growing calls for action. For this reason it is necessary for responsible and


progressive governments to make a stand against this type of gross arrogance and its pathetic attempts at humour and its complete disregard for appropriate standards regardless of the lame objections which the owner of the company has bleated out regularly on social media.

It is worth noting that the owner of Wicked Campers has a long history of threatening and intimidating people who criticise his slogans. In 2008, when former Queensland premier Anna Bligh criticised him for a racist slogan, he responded with a painting of the naked premier on one of his vans inviting the mainstream media to take photographs. This reaction is despicable on two levels: it insults women in general and it is completely disrespectful to the position of premier of our state. One wonders if pictures denigrating a male politician would be considered as clever by this person. Then in the same year journalist Lucy Clark publicly criticised the owner for his slogans. Her punishment for speaking out was to have a personalised slogan written on the side of a van which incited violence against her. The van was then driven to where Ms Clark lived and driven around the town before returning to Brisbane. I call this harassment. The person responsible saw it as a rational response to criticism.

I am pleased to say that the Palaszczuk government is taking this matter seriously. The bill before the House today is designed to ensure that Queensland registered vehicles will no longer be allowed to be on the road displaying obscene, sexist, racist or otherwise offensive advertising. While it is true that almost all advertising that appears on vehicles is perfectly legitimate and a necessary part of good business, there are some, like Wicked Campers, who systematically flout Advertising Standards Bureau rulings when it comes to the standards Queenslanders are prepared to accept. We know that when the ASB finds a particular ad to be unacceptable, using its internationally recognised and approved best practice model to do so, the advertiser cooperates immediately to remove or modify the offending ad. In many ways it is a method of self-regulation and for the most part works very well, but it does rely on cooperation because if an advertiser, as is the case with Wicked Campers, chooses not to comply, the ASB has no powers to enforce its ruling. This bill before us seeks to address this. This bill provides that Queensland registered vehicle holders who fail to comply with an ASB determination will face the prospect of having the registration of the offending vehicle cancelled. This is good legislation and delivers on the Palaszczuk government's commitment in a pragmatic, fair and measured way. Government can only go so far.

As a community, as a country, we have a responsibility to every Australian woman to say that she deserves to be able to live free from humiliation and denigration, free from violence as she goes about her daily life. As researcher Sandi Scaunich reported in the *Age*, women are asked to bear the responsibility of preventing their own assaults, rapes and murders and navigate their safety through a set of conscious or unconscious protective behaviours. Some people, perhaps the owner of Wicked Campers, may not be familiar with the habitual acts that women undertake on a daily basis to protect themselves because he was born into the lucky portion of society who generally do not have to check the back seat of the car before driving off. The thing about people who enjoy certain privileges is that they do not realise they have them.

We need to tell society that it is a place for women, they are allowed to walk the street, they are allowed to have their own time and they are allowed to dress as they please. We will never, ever accept that women are to blame for the violence inflicted upon them. We need to change the culture and I firmly believe that this legislation is a step towards achieving that. I am proud to support this bill and I commend it to the House.

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (4.59 pm): I rise to make a contribution to the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016. Advertising on vehicles is able to be viewed by both a large number of Queenslanders and a diversity of age groups, including children and adolescents, as vehicles travel on our road network. As many Queenslanders know, there are vehicles that display advertising that is sexist, discriminatory or otherwise offensive to members of the community. Whilst freedom of speech is a fundamental tenet of our democracy, there are some matters where decency, courtesy and basic manners necessitate action by legislators to ensure a civil society. However, I would like to address those issues that could well make this legislation ineffective.

The Palaszczuk Labor government has attempted to draft a bill that will allow them to deregister a vehicle that does not comply with an ASB decision by allowing the chief executive of the Department of Transport and Main Roads to cancel a vehicle's registration to enforce standards board determinations. The reason that this will not work is because companies such as Wicked Campers that have attracted many complaints, although registered in Queensland, are operating in many other state jurisdictions across Australia. I am of the view that what some companies may do is simply have their vehicles registered in another state so that these proposed laws would not apply to them. Whilst I do


not need it pointed out that technically such companies are not allowed to have their vehicles registered in other states if they operate outside of Queensland, in the relevant committee hearing departmental officers admitted that this would be difficult to enforce.

The Queensland Law Society also raised a concern that the new section 19N, Limitation of review, removes the rights of review including internal, external and judicial review, and that the courts may find legislation that prohibits or restricts review for jurisdictional error to be invalid. Before the public hearing, the Queensland Law Society said that their fundamental concern was that, if the processes that the standards board uses are not as robust as they should be or if there are problems with the processes at that level, there is very little opportunity to do much about that later on in terms of appeal or review.

Returning to the issue of freedom of speech, another important concern that the LNP has is that this legislation might affect freedom of speech in relation to other issues, including political messaging or, for example, advertisements on a vehicle supporting marriage or family, and that individuals who display such messaging could then be subjected to an adverse finding. We could potentially have ineffective legislation yet again introduced by the Palaszczuk Labor government with unintended consequences and that fails to adequately address the issues at hand.

Media releases and media conferences should only ever be secondary to the design and implementation of effective legislation. I also note that it has taken the Palaszczuk Labor government nearly two years of being in office before the Queensland parliament saw a bill to remove offensive slogans from vehicles. In its present form, this legislation will also be ineffective in dispensing an insurance requirement that advertisements are legal, decent, honest and truthful. I also draw the attention of the House to the fact that, after nearly two years, in the end the Palaszczuk Labor government turned to the 2014 parliamentary inquiry that the LNP commenced into sexually explicit outdoor advertising in order to progress this matter.

Whilst the LNP opposition will not be opposing this legislation, I do raise concerns that what is proposed will be ineffective in its translational effectiveness, despite its intent being worthy for the benefit of community civility and appropriate social standards. Certainly sexist, offensive and/or derogatory advertising that objectifies women should not be tolerated in Queensland. However, again, translational effectiveness and legislative efficacy must be important considerations in any parliamentary debate on such important matters.

 **Hon. JA TRAD** (South Brisbane—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning) (5.03 pm): I rise to make a contribution in support of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016. I commend the Minister for Main Roads and member for Yeerongpilly for bringing forward this important piece of legislation. This bill addresses issues that go to the core of the Palaszczuk Labor government's agenda. This bill is about engendering fairness, respect and equality. It is about calling out misogyny and sexism where we see it and standing up for the rights of women and girls.

How many times have you been driving down a highway and looked over to see a vehicle covered in slogans that are simply unacceptable in a modern civilised society? Maybe the slogan said, 'I would like to drown my sorrows, but my wife will not go swimming', 'If I promise not to kill you, can I have a hug?' or maybe even, 'I can already imagine the gaffer tape on your mouth'. That is only a small sample of offensive slogans that have appeared on Wicked Campers vehicles. There are many more vehicles emblazoned with slogans that glorify domestic violence, that denigrate women and LGBTI members of our community, and that disgracefully perpetuate a rape culture.

Unlike some in this place, I am very aware of Wicked Campers and their vile marketing strategy, given that their Brisbane depot is located in my South Brisbane electorate. The *Not now, not ever* report into domestic violence, received by the Premier in 2015, found that sexual objectification and disrespect towards women is a significant contributory factor in the endemic levels of violence against women. Findings from the 2013 National Community Attitudes Towards Violence Against Women Survey supported this idea, stating—


Attitudes influence behaviour both directly and via their influence on broader social norms. They have been found to influence perpetration, women's responses to violence, and the responses of the community and health and criminal justice professionals.

It is evident that we are shaped by the attitudes around us, which is especially true for younger people. That was highlighted in the submission made to the committee by the Logan based domestic violence education program, R4Respect. They noted that, in research conducted by Our Watch—

A survey ... of 3000 young people in 2015 indicated that ... more than a quarter of those young people believed male verbal harassment and pressure for sex towards females are normal practice.

It is incumbent on us as policymakers to address those alarming statistics and set a better example for our kids. We cannot just talk the talk on domestic violence; we need to walk the walk. Core to that is challenging sexist and disrespectful attitudes in the community. This bill is an important part of that. It empowers the state government to take real action against companies that continually and deliberately propagate explicit misogynistic advertising on our roads. It continues the already established process for complaints, including independent oversight from the Advertising Standards Bureau, and allows time for the owner of the vehicle to rectify the issue if they have been found to have breached the Australian Association of National Advertisers code of ethics. However, for the first time it makes the decision enforceable.

This bill will not stop sexism tomorrow, but it is a forceful step in the right direction. It is a step that our government is taking because we believe in a society where all women are treated as equals and with the respect they deserve, not objectified, demeaned and disrespected by slogans painted on the side of vehicles for the puerile amusement of some. I commend the bill to the House.

 **Hon. SM FENTIMAN** (Waterford—ALP) (Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (5.07 pm): I rise to add my support to this bill. As the Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, I condemn any business that continues to promote a culture of misogyny and disrespect of women. I take this opportunity to thank the Wicked Pickets group, led by Anna McCormack, for their tireless efforts in campaigning against a company profiting from anti-women slogans.

Time and time again, Wicked Campers has failed to act in response to numerous complaints from the public and decisions by the Advertising Standards Bureau. Wicked Campers has been given numerous chances across the country to comply with public standards and remove offensive slogans from their vehicles. They have not complied. They have ignored the views of the community and responded by mocking those who were offended by their vans. Now the time for chances is over. Queensland is sick of this business, which views the offence, outrage and damage it is causing as free publicity. Wicked Campers finds humour in violence against women.

That culture of misogyny and disrespect of women ends now. Let us be clear about what is the cause of the offence: the slogans painted on the vans have attempted to find humour somehow in xenophobia, racism, homophobia and child sexual abuse. That is just the beginning. There are slogans suggesting kidnapping women, gaffer taping women's mouths shut, promoting sexual violence against women and general violence against women. These are slogans that devalue women and girls—slogans that trivialise rape. These slogans condone attitudes and fuel behaviour that the Palaszczuk government is committed to seeing the end of.

We know that here in Queensland over 200 calls a day are made to the Queensland Police reporting domestic violence and we know that so much more goes unreported. We know tragically that two women are killed every week in Australia as a result of domestic and family violence. We know that one in three women will experience violence or sexual violence in their lifetime.


Domestic violence and other forms of violence against women, such as sexual assault, happen in the context of cultural attitudes towards women. These cultural attitudes, perpetuated by companies such as Wicked Campers, do not place value in women. By allowing Wicked Campers to continue to have these slogans on their vans we are letting these cultural attitudes continue to run unchecked in our state. We are allowing, knowing full well that it is damaging, imagery and commentary that endorses violence against women to be viewed freely by our young people. This is to the detriment and harm of us all.

Our young people witness these offensive slogans on cars and it becomes engrained in their psyche. Compelling research conducted recently by Our Watch, which I have previously spoken of in this House, shows concerning results about young people's attitudes towards women. As the Deputy Premier mentioned in her speech, more than a quarter of young people believe that male verbal harassment and pressure for sex towards females are normal practices—more than quarter. They believe it is normal because it is the society in which they have grown up.

It is in this way that businesses like Wicked Campers normalise this cultural by making verbal harassment and pressuring women for sex a subject of humour. Children, especially young boys, forming their opinions on gender do not need to be exposed to these slogans and images. It is our responsibility to make sure that they are not.

Government has a vital role to play here. It has to be a priority for each and every one of us to challenge the culture that allows this violence to continue and to stop violence before it starts by changing the attitudes and behaviours that underpin the cycle of violence. The onus is on all of us to

call out harmful or sexist comments amongst our peers, be it at the pub, in the workplace, in our schools, in our streets, in our neighbourhoods, in our living rooms. It is up to us to step up to companies like Wicked Campers when they perpetuate this harm. We have taken many steps forward and it is a step back to allow Wicked Campers, adorned with offensive and damaging slogans, to stay on the roads. That is why I support this bill.

 **Mr ELMES** (Noosa—LNP) (5.12 pm): I rise to speak on the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertisement) Amendment Bill 2016 or, as it is probably better termed for what it is, the Wicked Campers bill. This company has certainly been thumbing their nose at any reasonable attempt by either the public or the government to bring them into line. This is not something that is new to this parliament. I recall in 2012 then premier Anna Bligh calling on Queenslanders to boycott this company. In 2013 the whole matter was referred to the Health and Community Services Committee. They handed down report No. 36 on 31 January 2014.

There is no doubt that advertising on the side of vehicles is a valuable form of advertising. In my own case, the car I use around my electorate has me adorned all around it. On both sides there is a very large photo of my face. I know members will find this surprising, but someone did find it offensive and it was egged on one occasion. On another occasion there was a message under my windscreen wiper suggesting it was a good face for radio. We cannot deny that advertising on the sides of vehicles is effective.


The problem on this particular occasion is that this is a company that is registered in Queensland and operates out of Brisbane that is thumbing its nose at this parliament, thumbing its nose at the Advertising Standards Bureau and thumbing its nose at the community in general. I have the nasty feeling in the pit of my stomach that ever since we started talking about this in 2012 we have helped this company along by continually talking about them. I am sure the directors of Wicked Campers are sitting in their office as we speak drinking whiskey and smoking a cigar in time-old fashion counting their dollars as these particular campervans are rented out and display these lewd messages all over Queensland and northern New South Wales.

We could probably understand it if we were dealing with a multinational company that was thumbing its nose at Queensland and saying, 'What would they know?' We could probably even understand it if it were a huge Australian company, but Wicked Campers is based in Queensland. I presume the owners and directors of this company have wives and daughters and that those wives and daughters would from time to time—I hope not very often because I hope not too many people are hiring their vans—are seeing these messages displayed on the side of the vans.

The legislation that we are debating today is a good step in the right direction. There is no doubt in my mind that at some point in the future we are going to have to come back and look at this particular company again in some other form. As other speakers have mentioned today, it will be very easy for Wicked Campers to simply send their vans off to New South Wales and have them registered there and not have to comply with some of the provisions detailed in this particular piece of legislation.

We have a great opportunity today to start the ball rolling. I would hope that when we all go home to our electorates that we make sure that each of our communities knows that this particular piece of legislation has been passed. I hope we all encourage each and every constituent whenever they see a Wicked Campers campervan to get on to the Advertising Standards Bureau and complain and complain strenuously. I hope their local member of parliament takes up this issue on their behalf.

As I said, there is no doubt in my mind that we will be back doing this again before very long. This is a good step in the right direction. It is a step that we should collectively take. I hope what we are doing today causes the owners and directors of Wicked Campers some discomfort. I look forward to being able to cause them some more discomfort in the future.

 **Hon. MC de BRENNI** (Springwood—ALP) (Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Sport) (5.17 pm): I rise in support of Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016. Advertising should reflect community values and standards. The advertising code uses four words to describe these standards—advertising ought to be legal, honest, truthful and decent. As a reflection of Queensland's community standards, those four words ring true to me, especially the word decent. Queenslanders are decent people and we expect decency as a bare minimum standard right across-the-board in everything that we do. Businesses are not immune from this expectation. We expect all businesses, be they large or small, to conduct themselves in a decent manner. There is no room in Queensland for the kinds of sexist, offensive slogans that Wicked Campers have made their trademark. The slogans are not edgy. They are not transgressive. They are not subversive or wicked. They are simply offensive. They are sexist and they treat Queenslanders, especially women, with contempt.

I am surrounded, like many of us are, every day by fearless, intelligent and accomplished women—my cabinet colleagues, my department's directors-general, my co-workers and my staff. I am also blessed to share my life with the most amazing woman I know. My wife, Kristie, is smart, funny and incredibly capable. She has a very successful career on the front lines of education. She provides schooling to those who have too often been written off by our system. As a teacher, she does more than impart knowledge to the younger generation. She models care and respect and how to be a kind and decent person. It is outrageous to think that a kind, decent, accomplished woman like my wife, Kristie, has to navigate this sort of misogynistic garbage on a daily basis, because she does and every woman does. It is simply unacceptable. It is death by a thousand cuts—daily small acts of aggression that tell women that no matter what they achieve, what they accomplish, how intelligent or ambitious they may be, all of that is secondary to their responsibility to get in the kitchen and make their man a sandwich.


As the father of two young children—a daughter and a son—I am keenly aware of how cultural attitudes shape the way children view themselves, the world and their place in it. I want my daughter to grow up understanding that she is a unique and valuable human being who can be anything she wants to be. She can be a doctor. She can be a teacher. She can be a lawyer. She can be a tradesperson. She can even be the Premier of Queensland one day or the Prime Minister of Australia. When my daughter grows up one day and falls in love, I want her to know that her role in that relationship is as an equal partner who can make her own decisions and pursue her own career. A culture which allows disgusting, demeaning jokes is one which tries to teach my daughter the opposite of those things, and that is simply unacceptable.

I also have a son. I want him to grow up to respect women. I want him to value the women in his life—his mother, his sister, his friends and one day maybe his partner or his own children. As his father, it is my job to show him how to be a good man and a decent man. I want him to be as shocked as I am by the offensive slogans that we see on these vans. I have a responsibility to show him that decent men speak up to say that sexism is never acceptable. As a White Ribbon ambassador, I have pledged an oath to never remain silent about violence towards women. Make no mistake: that is what this debate is about.

Words shape cultural attitudes, and these so-called jokes add up to perpetuate sexist attitudes across our society which inevitably lead to violence against women. When we hire out vans with degrading slogans and put them on our streets, this kind of advertising tells visitors to Queensland that this is how we operate here, that this is how we treat women. We talk about people coming here from overseas and embracing our values. Those so-called jokes do not represent our values. They are not my values and they are not the values that I want to pass on to my children. There is no place for these attitudes in Queensland. There is certainly no place for them in our public spaces. In the words of our former prime minister—

... I am offended by their content. I am offended by their content because I am always offended by sexism. I am offended by their content because I am always offended by statements that are anti women.

When you know better, you do better. We can do much better. Women are entitled to a better standard than this. I commend the bill to the House.

 **Ms BATES** (Mudgeeraba—LNP) (5.23 pm): I rise to make a contribution to the debate on the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016. As the shadow minister for the prevention of domestic and family violence and women, as an elected representative and as a mother, I am absolutely shocked and appalled by what we continue to see on Wicked campervans and others like them. In an era where we are finally recognising the scourge of domestic and family violence and the impact attitudes and beliefs have on domestic relationships, I am absolutely flabbergasted that we continue to see heinous slogans like these on our roads.

Children who do not know better, teenagers who could think this kind of filth is funny and any number of unsuspecting motorists are routinely subjected to these depraved slogans, purportedly disguised as attempts at humour. For women in particular who are victims of domestic violence, these slogans are a disturbing reality and reflect attitudes that have no place in our society. A quick search reveals the filth that litters our streets, including slogans like 'It's easier to apologise than ask for permission' or 'I can already imagine the gaffer tape on your mouth'. The list goes on and on. For any reasonable member of our society, these slogans are sickening and perverse. For women and victims of domestic violence, they are demeaning and offensive. As members of this House, we should rightfully be saying that they have no place in Queensland. These vans promote rape, they encourage sexism and they incite violence and control.

What has this do-nothing incompetent Labor government done? It has given us weak, ineffective legislation that will do nothing to take these offensive vans off our streets. In contrast, the former LNP government was actively working to get these slogans off our roads. As members would be aware, a 2014 parliamentary inquiry the LNP started into sexually explicit outdoor advertising recommended that the Australian Association of National Advertisers be given statutory authority to force compliance if companies were found to have breached codes or standards. I am the only person in this parliament, apart from Jo-Ann Miller, who was on that committee. The LNP supported that position and also responded to the parliamentary review, announcing financial penalties for code breaches, so rewriting history by those opposite who were not even in parliament is laughable.

Whilst the advertising industry is self-regulated, the LNP's legislation would have given government the power to fine those advertisers that did not comply with appropriate standards and spread offensive messages on our streets. This would have created a practical deterrence for businesses like Wicked Campers, but under this bill all the government will be able to do is deregister a vehicle that does not comply with standards. What will these vehicles do? They will just hop over the border to New South Wales, re-register their vehicle in another state and drive on up the coast back to Queensland again, because once they are registered in another state these laws will not apply to them. Even though you technically cannot have your car registered in another state if you operate in Queensland, even departmental officers have admitted in the committee hearing that this would be incredibly difficult to enforce.

The LNP's approach would have made a real difference and would have seen the operators of these vans deterred through fines and real penalties. We were in the process of drafting legislation when the election was called in 2015. This government had the review there—the recommendations were already put forward—and could have easily picked up where we left off. What did we get instead? We got ministers more interested in wasting time talking about reviews which never eventuated. Now we are looking at an ineffective, hastily scraped together bill and we are no longer closer to tackling offensive advertising.

What we can see now is a Labor government more concerned with press releases and media conferences than actually doing the work to draft an effective bill that offers a solution to this problem. How long did it take them to cobble together an ineffective bill that does nothing? Two years. Just six months into their term in mid-2015 the Attorney-General announced that the Queensland Law Reform Commission would review Queensland's anti-discrimination laws with a view to getting rid of hire cars and other vehicles which display offensive slogans. Of course, nothing eventuated and the problem persists today. This is so disappointingly typical of this do-nothing Labor government. We owe the women of Queensland more than hollow legislation and empty words. We owe them action and we owe them support. Unfortunately, this Labor government has let them down once again.



Hon. LM ENOCH (Algeria—ALP) (Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy and Minister for Small Business) (5.28 pm): I rise in support of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016. I take a moment to acknowledge the minister and the committee for their hard work in bringing us to this point with something that is very important. I want to place on record my support for advertising standards that demonstrate value for women in our community and that reflect a healthy understanding of gender equality and also my support for the bill's intent to allow the chief executive of the Department of Transport and Main Roads to cancel a vehicle's registration to enforce the Advertising Standards Board's determinations.

I am a single mother of two sons, one who is now 20 and one who is 16. I have a nephew who is 19 and there are many young men—friends and family—who spend a lot of time at my house eating a lot of food and doing what young men do when they all get together. My goal as a single mother has always been to ensure that I equip my young men with a set of values that will make them good husbands, good members of society, good mates and men who will stand up against sexism and against things that are just not right. That is what I do every day as a single mum. Sometimes that is really hard; it is hard for all the mums and dads who are here today. When we are dealing with those kinds of things that are on display in our community, it makes the job of mums, dads and caretakers even tougher. That is why together—all of us—have to stand up against this kind of advertising that really is working against the values that we all stand up for, the values that we want our young people to emulate as they grow older and take their places as leaders in our society. That is why I am supporting this bill today.


When we allow advertising that includes vulgar, crass and offensive slogans, it sends a message that degrading behaviour is funny and ultimately okay. The truth is it is not okay. It is not okay to write sexist slogans on the side of a car and say it is just a joke. That is what I teach all the young men and

my own sons who spend a lot of time in my house. That is what we want to be able to show for the rest of our community. It is not okay to encourage a culture where inappropriate comments are made about women and it is just expected that it will be tolerated. It is not okay for transport companies to get away with this behaviour simply because their brand of advertising is different from other kinds of advertising. Whether it is a billboard on the side of the road or a car driving on the road, degrading comments about women are unacceptable, and I am proud that the Palaszczuk government is moving these amendments to make that clear.

I am also proud that the Palaszczuk government is implementing all 140 recommendations in Quentin Bryce's landmark *Not now, not ever* report into domestic and family violence. Let us be honest: these two things are inherently linked. Disrespectful messages about women which are conveyed in advertising only serve to feed a culture that all of us are working so hard to change, a culture that objectifies women and belittles their place in the community. It is this kind of disrespectful messaging that also contributes to the broad set of circumstances that impact the high incidence of domestic violence that we are now combatting. One of the ways we can tackle it is by re-evaluating the standards we allow when it comes to advertising and ensuring all Queenslanders are treated with respect. Domestic violence is a serious issue in our state and it deserves bipartisan support, not cheap political shots.

Unfortunately, what we have seen today from the LNP is a focus on trying to gain a political win. It seems as though what we are seeing from that side of the House is a focus on winning and losing rather than what is right and wrong. That is what this bill is all about: making sure that we stand up for what is right, not just winning. Those opposite know full well that our government is taking serious action on domestic violence, but instead of getting on board and being supportive of this vital reform, they are focused on playing their own political games, which I find incredibly disappointing. It is disappointing and it is not helpful in the public debate. I am proud that our government is acting on all fronts to combat head on the scourge of violence against women, and this bill takes an important step towards redirecting how women are portrayed in advertising in Queensland.

As I said earlier, as a mother of two sons, I work hard every day to help them realise what is right and wrong. I do not talk to them about winning and losing an argument; I talk to them about what is right and wrong. Today we on this side of the House are standing up for what is right. What is right is to see that, because of this kind of advertising, Wicked Campers, or any other business that would like to operate in the same fashion, no longer has the ability to operate in our state. I commend the bill to the House. I congratulate the minister and the committee on all their hard work.

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills) (5.34 pm): It is my absolute pleasure to stand and speak in support of this bill today. I support the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016. The Palaszczuk government is committed to removing offensive advertising from our roads and ensuring that advertising is reflective of community standards. I want to thank the Minister for Main Roads for his cooperation and partnership in finding a way through this issue and finding a solution—something that was not able to be done in the past.

Many people across the community have been concerned for some time about the derogatory, sexist and outright offensive slogans and cartoons on the side of some commercial Queensland vehicles. The Palaszczuk government is leading the country in taking action on this issue and has developed an innovative way that provides an enforcement mechanism to the chief executive of the Department of Transport and Main Roads regarding decisions made by the independent Advertising Standards Board. This approach will ensure that concerns of the community, which are validated by the standards board, have an impact. Figures reported by the Advertising Standards Bureau suggest that the current self-regulatory approach to advertising in Australia works well in general, with the majority of advertisers complying with decisions made by the standards board. There were some notable exceptions. Some operators thumbed their nose at the ASB and continued to decorate vehicles with slogans that are offensive and promote outdated, negative and misogynistic attitudes towards women and girls.

The amendments in the bill before the House are fair and balanced. They provide an opportunity for input from the community as well as ensuring procedural fairness for vehicle operators. I want to take a moment to explain how this bill will work and how this solution came about, because I have heard those on the other side beating their chests in this debate saying that they did the inquiry when in government, they did all the leg work, they provided the government response and started drafting the legislation and we simply came along and introduced that legislation. However, that is not exactly what occurred.

This will work in relation to outdoor advertising. Outdoor advertising covers a broad spectrum including any advertising done outdoors that publicises the products and services of a business. Methods of outdoor advertising can include billboards, posters, bus shelters and exteriors of buses, taxis and company owned vehicles. The outdoor advertising industry in Australia is currently self-regulated and fully self-funded by industry with no legislative basis. The system of self-regulation is led by the Australian Association of National Advertisers—the AANA—which publishes a code of ethics for advertisers. Complaints about breaches of the code are made to the Advertising Standards Bureau and determined by the Advertising Standards Board, an independent board comprising 20 people representing the diversity of Australian society who have a range of experience and skills and have an interest and views in advertising and community standards.

The Outdoor Media Association is the industry body for outdoor media companies and production facilities. It endorses the AANA code and supports all decisions made by the standards board. To promote compliance, the OMA code of ethics incorporates the AANA code. These industry advertising bodies are not regulated by government and have no legislative basis.

In response to a petition launched by the Australian Christian Lobby on 17 April 2013, the Legislative Assembly referred an inquiry into sexually explicit outdoor advertising to the former health and community services committee. The committee report was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 31 January 2014. The committee inquiry focused on whether reform was needed to protect children from exposure to sexually explicit and inappropriate outdoor advertising.

The committee found that the current system of self-regulation in the advertising industry generally works well because the majority of advertisers—99.6 per cent—cooperate with the Advertising Standards Board and remove or modify inappropriate advertisements. However, the inquiry highlighted a gap in the system where a small number of advertisers do not cooperate. Most of the inquiry's recommendations were addressed to the advertising industry to improve current practices. One recommendation directed to the Queensland government was that legislation be introduced to establish a co-regulatory approach to outdoor advertising, including government enforcement of standards board determinations. The former government's response to the committee report was tabled on 31 July 2014, and that response said that it accepted recommendation No. 1 in principle. It went on to state—

The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring that there is no increased regulatory burden for the advertising industry and businesses that advertise in Queensland.

However, the Queensland Government is prepared to support the industry self-regulation system so that advertisers who do not comply with determinations by the Advertising Standards Bureau board to remove offending advertising are penalised.

It goes on to state—

The Queensland Government will investigate enforcement options to penalise advertisers that do not comply with the determinations of the Advertising Standards Board.

In fact, the former government did not adopt the recommendation to establish a co-regulatory system and, whatever investigations were conducted by the previous government, they did not reach a conclusion on a model that would work and they did not start drafting a bill. I am not critical of the former government for that, because the reality is that state and federal governments have really struggled with this issue of trying to find a solution over the years. I do take issue with those who have stood up today and simply said that the previous government had already accepted the recommendations, drafted the legislation and we have just come in and introduced it, because that is just not true.

I am pleased that we were able to think outside the box. Knowing that the co-regulatory system was not necessarily going to work, the question was what could we do to deal with this. I sat down with the head of the Advertising Standards Board and asked, 'Where are the key issues?' They said that they had significant compliance but that the issue is predominantly around commercial vehicles. We thought, 'What can we do to enforce compliance on commercial vehicles?' That is when we came up with the idea that maybe there is a mechanism through vehicle registration. On 21 July 2016 I announced the government's intention to introduce legislation by the end of 2016 to provide that vehicle registration holders who fail to comply with the Advertising Standards Board's determinations will face the prospect of having the registration of offending vehicles cancelled.

I am very pleased that this proposal has received widespread support in the media, including from the RACQ, ASB, AANA, Wicked Pickets, a community action group, and the Australian Christian Lobby group. I thank all of those people who have supported this initiative. It is a unique initiative. It is

one that is being looked at very closely by other jurisdictions right across this country, and other states have indicated that they are looking at potentially developing this legislation in their own state. I do believe that it is an initiative we need to see rolled out in other jurisdictions, because we know that this is only part of the solution. If vehicles are registered in other jurisdictions there is still the risk that those vehicles will be on our roads.


I am very pleased to say that in recent times I have had very positive feedback from people who say that they are seeing a lot less of these offensive slogans on the road. I hope it is a sign that the owners of these vehicles recognise that the writing is on the wall and they are starting to change their messaging already.

Mr Costigan: We'll see.

Mrs D'ATH: If they do not, it will be enforced. I hear the member for Whitsunday saying, 'We'll see.' It is worth trying. It is worth doing something because these slogans are offensive. Everyone has had enough. Importantly, this is not about any one politician in this place deciding what is offensive or not based on his or her own personal views. This is the decision of a body that oversees the Advertising Standards Board.

Mr Costigan: Go ask the people!

Mrs D'ATH: The member for Whitsunday says, 'Go ask the people!' I have not had one person come up to me and say that this is a bad idea. If the member for Whitsunday does not support this bill that is fine, but I am pretty sure there is bipartisan support across this chamber. We have had enough of these vehicles with these offensive messages. I support this bill. It is a great initiative. I hope that other jurisdictions will follow because it is about time we get these vehicles off the roads.


 **Ms FARMER** (Bulimba—ALP) (5.44 pm): I rise in very strong support of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016. This is something about which I have felt very passionately for a number of years. I would like to thank the Attorney-General, the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence and the Minister for Main Roads and Road Safety for the significant work they have done to bring it to this point. I also want to thank people like Wicked Pickets and my friend Christine King, who is in the gallery today and who gave evidence at the inquiry. I was very proud to bring Christine in to see the Attorney-General about this issue, and I thank her for her passion in keeping this issue so strongly in the community.

There are several reasons why I feel so strongly about this, not the least of which is that I am a parent of young women and I do not want my daughters or the daughters of any person anywhere in Queensland to have to drive behind one of these vehicles and have those sorts of negative messages reinforced to them. Like every parent, I do my best to try and make sure my girls are strong and resilient. Every parent knows what a struggle it is to make sure that you keep your kids strong and resilient, to take them through and explain challenges that arise which can really send them off kilter every now and then. To have these sorts of messages strongly displayed in the community without the parliament doing anything about them—and therefore effectively sending a message that they are okay—is just not on.

There were some statistics released last year by the Our Watch youth campaign The Line which found some very disturbing things about the attitudes of young people to these sorts of issues: a quarter of young people think it is normal for a boy to put pressure on a girl to do sexual things; sixty per cent think the girl is responsible for making it clear if she does not want to have sex; one-fifth of young women are being put under pressure to do sexual things; and they say that many young people lack adequate information and guidance about sex and respectful relationships. The same survey found that more than one-third of young people said it is hard to respect a female when she is drunk, and more than one-fifth said it is hard to be respectful of a female who wears revealing clothing. Our young people are facing an uphill battle, and we need to be seen to be attacking the sorts of things which reinforce those views.

The other really strong issue for me is that we are doing so much in this parliament and, although members of the opposition seem to disagree with the fact that we are doing anything about domestic violence, the plain cold hard facts are that this government has been working tirelessly to address the 140 recommendations of the *Not now, not ever* task force. In fact, we have implemented something like 40-odd of those recommendations and we are on the way with 70 of them. We only have another few to go and they will be started quite soon. However, regardless of all of that if we are not addressing that core issue of respect for women and young girls then we are really only going to make so much of an impact.

I have to take umbrage at the position of those on the other side who do not seem to have consulted with each other about their position on this issue. I would like people like the member for Whitsunday, the member for Glass House and anyone else who spoke against this bill and said, 'Let's sit on our hands instead and let's not put this legislation through,' to explain to Christine King or any of the parents in my electorate why they think it is okay to let these slogans keeping on driving around our roads. They are disgusting and they should not be here.


 **Mr COSTIGAN** (Whitsunday—LNP) (5.48 pm): I will keep my comments concise. I reject some of the back end of the contribution of the member for Bulimba, because if the member for Bulimba thinks she has a mortgage on this debate she is kidding herself. I daresay that in all electorates people have come to their local MPs about the vans that keep whizzing around Queensland. In tourist hotspots in particular, places like my electorate of Whitsunday and others, we see the Wicked Campers all the time.

In fact last weekend, right behind the Heart Hotel—this is where the Premier's office gave me the big A a few months ago, before Christmas, as members may recall—they were there again with the filthy talk and the sexual innuendo. This was happening in the heart of Airlie Beach. Every year in the dry season we have the Whitsunday Reef Festival. Margie Murphy and her team come together to put on the reef festival. Kids from Cannonvale State School and other schools across the community are there being marshalled. What we see is disgusting.

We on this side of the House have concerns. We believe that this bill will be ineffective as it will only result in plate swapping. They will go from Queensland plates to New South Wales plates and the problem will remain. Even departmental people who appeared before the Transportation and Utilities Committee said that the legislation will be very difficult to enforce. I think that says it all.

The LNP in government was in the process of drafting legislation when the election was called in 2015. The LNP was committed to doing something then and the Palaszczuk Labor government has had two years to do something. Today is Valentine's Day but there is no love for the Palaszczuk Labor government. I appreciate that we need to clean this up. It is not a good look for our kids—our citizens and leaders of tomorrow. I flag that I think the bill will be ineffective. It could have been a whole lot better.

I thank my colleagues on the Transportation and Utilities Committee. As a result of my commitments on the Coal Workers' Pneumoconiosis Select Committee I missed a couple of meetings of the Transportation and Utilities Committee so I appreciate their forbearance. I also thank those people who provided submissions to the committee so that we could bring this matter to a conclusion, even though I maintain the view—it was reflected across my electorate—that the bill will be ineffective and will only result in plate swapping. Wicked Campers will come into places such as Airlie Beach with New South Wales plates instead of Queensland plates.

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply) (5.51 pm), in reply: I thank all members who contributed to the debate. I acknowledge the hard work, cooperation and collaboration of the Attorney-General and her office, who worked very closely with my office and my staff on this bill. We are very happy, on the second anniversary of the Palaszczuk government, to land with this reform.

During the debate we heard some pious posturing from members of the opposition about how they were going to do it. They had a record majority and they had three years in which to do something. Who called the election? They did. There is no validity to this pathetic, dog-ate-my-homework excuse: 'We were going to do it but we did not have the time. Other things happened.' That is why there are so many people leaving the LNP and joining other parties including One Nation. I hear that quite a few people in Maryborough and Toowoomba have deserted the LNP and are joining One Nation. I think people are really tired of their disingenuous approach.

The only matters raised by opposition members that I think are worth addressing include the criticism that if they just change the slogan you start the whole process again. To do that, the company in question incurs a cost in terms of labour and materials. I do not believe that that criticism is valid. We will see. We are acting on this issue within the first two years of the Palaszczuk Labor government.

That other states do not have similar legislation is no excuse for inaction. We are trailblazing in this space and we should be proud of that. We have seen some interest in other states. Tasmania has announced that it will be developing similar legislation, South Australia is considering following our approach and the ACT minister has indicated support. I have written to all state and territory ministers and shadow ministers. We may well see a change of government in Western Australia in the next

couple of weeks. We want them on board, too. I think other states will be watching this with interest. I am sure that we will not be the only ones. We will make sure that this issue is not dealt with just in Queensland but is addressed in other states.

This is about the values we as a community believe are acceptable in the public space. I acknowledge the contribution of the member for Southport, who made a thoughtful contribution in this regard, and the contributions of all members on this side of the chamber. It should not be normal to humiliate 51 per cent of our population in a public space in a nasty way. I do not think anybody has a problem with using a witty slogan as a marketing tool, but when slogans are nasty, degrading and have a darkness about them it is absolutely unacceptable. We as a community are absolutely within our rights to act on that in terms of the sorts of values we allow in a public space.

To that end, I certainly thank all members who intend to vote for this legislation. No matter what happened in the debate, I know that there is bipartisan support for this bill. That is a positive thing. I acknowledge and thank those members who intend to vote for this bill. While it has been talked about for some time, the Palaszczuk government is doing it. It is a good reform. It is about respect. It is about equality. It is about respecting all of our community in terms of what goes out in the public space. It is also about preventing violence in our community by nipping in the bud those values of degradation and humiliation which we do see on some of these vans as they get around our state and other states.

I could not finish this debate without mentioning an incident that occurred before the last federal election. Senator Leyonhjelm from New South Wales defended the right to free speech very stridently when it came to a certain van company with offensive slogans until he was lined up by some journalists who had done up exactly the same van in exactly the same way with exactly the same humiliating slogan but with his name on it. When he viewed that van his response was unprintable. That showed the hypocrisy of that senator. When you are the person being humiliated, it is unacceptable. On behalf of 51 per cent of our population, I acknowledge the significant contributions of women members of parliament on my side—the Deputy Premier and the member for Waterford—and on the other side. It is absolutely the same issue. Senator Leyonhjelm should have had some empathy for the fact that everyone deserves a fair go. That is the Australian way. Equal rights should be at the heart of our community. This legislation certainly moves to ensure that.

The issue of not being able to review the decision was raised. I think it is a pretty simple, straight-up decision. We know what the values are here. I do not think we need to see good outcomes being delayed by getting caught up in a legal process or a review process. I think the provisions in the bill are eminently justifiable. While the Queensland Law Society had submitted in that regard, I do not think I would agree with that.

We are getting on with this. Within two years we have acted in this regard. It is good law. I endorse it. I look forward to the bill being passed.

Question put—That the bill be now read a second time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Consideration in Detail

Clauses 1 to 5, as read, agreed to.

Third Reading

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply) (5.59 pm): I move—


That the bill be now read a third time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a third time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Long Title

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply) (5.59 pm): I move—

That the long title of the bill be agreed to.

Question put—That the long title of the bill be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

MOTION

North Queensland, Electricity Supply



Mr HART (Burleigh—LNP) (5.59 pm): I move—

That this House calls on the Palaszczuk government to support the development of a coal-fired generator to provide reliable and affordable baseload power in North Queensland.

In moving this motion tonight the LNP's focus is purely on providing reliable and affordable power for the people of Queensland. Labor's headlong rush into renewable energy threatens the supply of electricity to each and every one of us and we have seen this in other states and in particular South Australia, which has jeopardised the reliability and affordability of electricity in that state. Today is Valentine's Day and we should all be spending that with our partners having a candlelit dinner, but what we do not want to see is people in Queensland having candlelit dinners every night because of the risk that this Labor government is putting on the people of Queensland. They say, 'Build it and they will come.' Surely even those green zealots across the chamber see that electricity prices in Australia are too high and that is making us as a nation uncompetitive. Why is that? Because we are part of the national energy market and Labor's ridiculous policy positions in other states such as the extreme renewable energy targets in South Australia and Victoria's gas policies have pushed up the wholesale price of electricity. At one stage on Saturday Queensland was selling electricity into New South Wales at \$14,000 a megawatt. That is not a bad thing as long as we can spare the electricity. If the other states want to make those mistakes then we need to be in a position to take advantage of those mistakes, but we have to have that reserve that we can onsell to the other states when they need it and hence our push tonight for a new generation low-emission power station in North Queensland.

In recent days South Australia has started to speculate about nationalising its generators. Why would it need to do that? Because it has lost control of its power system with the recent blackouts and the highest wholesale power in the country, with businesses threatening to walk away from the state. If businesses want to walk away from South Australia because they cannot secure reliable, affordable power, then let Queensland give them a home. Let us attract them to Queensland. Let us build another base load high-energy-efficient, low-emission coal-fired power station in North Queensland. We have the black coal. We should not be scared of coal. The rest of the world is not scared of coal. I asked the Parliamentary Library to do a report for me, and China has 639 coal plants in preconstruction and 389 coal plants under construction. India has 238 in preconstruction and 132 in construction. Even Germany—which this government puts up as its green energy mentor—has two coal-fired power stations under preproduction and another one under construction already. Setting a 50 per cent renewable energy target in Queensland is about as useful as a solar powered flashlight. If you take the battery out of a solar powered flashlight it does not work at night, does it? That is just like the state electricity supply: without that base load power as a storage solution, renewable energy can never get to 50 per cent.

I want to table another document that I received from the library that shows how many countries in the world have 50 per cent renewable power.

Tabled paper: Document, undated, detailing coal and electricity generation statistics [\[167\]](#).

Do members know how many that is? One! One country in the world has more than 50 per cent renewable power, and that is Iceland. It has it because it has an abundance of hydropower and geothermal power. That is why it has it, but we do not so we need to get on with this. Why would we follow South Australia over the cliff, which is basically what it has done with its 50 per cent renewable power? We would follow it over the cliff into the darkness. We do not want to be sitting there having a candlelit dinner unless we really have to, and tonight is the night to have it. We should all be home with our partners having that candlelit dinner, but we do not want to be doing that on a regular basis so we should build a base load coal-fired power station—an efficient base load coal-fired power station—in North Queensland. We need to get on with the planning. It will take a few years, but let us get it done.



Hon. MC BAILEY (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply) (6.05 pm): I move—

That all words after 'support' be deleted and the following words inserted:

'the importance of reliable and affordable baseload electricity in Queensland, and the pipeline of more than 1,300 direct jobs from the more than \$1.5 billion worth of new and renewable energy generation committed to North Queensland over the next 18 months under the Palaszczuk government.

Further, this House supports the COAG Energy Council's Finkel Review into the reliability and security of the National Energy Market and looks forward to the delivery of the final report to guide the most economic, affordable and secure reform of our energy system including North Queensland.

Listening to the LNP on electricity is like listening to Norman Gunston give us shaving tips. We have seen 43 per cent price increases. Those opposite had three years and a record majority and what did they deliver? Forty-three per cent electricity price increases in only three years! Did they deliver any new energy generation into the national energy market from Queensland in that three years? No, not a single bit. In fact, the only thing that happened of any note was that a coal-fired station in Collinsville closed on their watch. Having done absolutely nothing about it for three years, they come into this chamber waxing lyrical and lecturing us about what should be happening and overlooking the very key point—that we are seeing a clean energy boom in this state, including in North Queensland where we are seeing more than \$2 billion worth of investment committed with more to come and 1,300 direct jobs coming in the next 12 to 18 months in the clean energy sector in North Queensland with more to come.

I will name those projects for members. There will be a solar farm at Clare built by Sun Metals. There is another one at the Upper Ross. There are two solar farms going into Collinsville. Kidston is financially closed. There is one going in at Lakeland. There is a wind farm going in at Mount Emerald. There is a clean energy generation boom happening and jobs galore for Far North Queensland under the Palaszczuk government in only two years. In only two years we have done this. Those opposite could have done this. The LNP could have done this while in government, but what did it do? It said, 'No, we don't want the investment. We don't want the jobs. We'd rather see the unemployment rate go up to the highest level in 11 years.' That is what it gave this state. It said, 'No, we don't want the jobs. We don't want the investment.' Those opposite could have done what we are doing yet they did not, and that is why they are on that side of the chamber and not on the government benches. That is the situation.

I want to make a couple of points about the facile contribution by the member for Burleigh. I have in front of me the Finkel preliminary report. In relation to integrating renewable energy into our electricity grid, Australia's Chief Scientist states—

Electricity security issues arising from an increase in variable renewable electricity ... generation can be addressed using best practices and lessons learnt from other markets in the world.

In other words, Australia is behind the eight ball on this issue. We are not best practice under the Turnbull government and we were not best practice under the Abbott government either. The Finkel preliminary report states further at page 49—

Several countries as well as the Nordic market, the EU, Texas and New Zealand have demonstrated that it is possible to manage the challenge of integrating a rising share of VRE generation into their electricity networks.

Let us not hear this ridiculous, 'When the wind doesn't blow and the sun doesn't shine'; the technology is there for full integration. We have to get to best practice. We are behind the eight ball. The federal government and the state LNP should be focusing on the technical solutions that are all there for the transition to clean energy whilst stabilising prices. Yet we have these silly debates. They are so far behind what is going on in the energy market. It is embarrassing.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Burleigh, you have had a pretty good go today. You have opened the debate, you have been speaking throughout the contribution by the Minister for Energy. If you persist, I will make an appropriate warning. That applies to all members.



Mr LAST (Burdekin—LNP) (6.10 pm): I rise to speak in support of the motion moved by the member for Burleigh. To say that the north has been doing it tough would be an insult. In reality, North Queensland has been punished relentlessly, demoralised and undermined by this government, which has failed to deliver funding for vital infrastructure that will regenerate the north and help to get its people back on its feet.

Unquestionably, a coal-fired generator in North Queensland is one such piece of vital infrastructure. As luck would have it, for more than two years now I have been advocating to have a base load power station built in my electorate on the old site at Collinsville. As enunciated by the shadow minister, the site is already there. The approvals are in place. The site is located right beside the coalmine. As people say, you can get a shovel and throw the coal over the fence into the power station. The grid network is there. The high-capacity transmission lines are there. All it needs is a commitment and a bit of vision from those opposite—a commitment by the Premier—to move forward and provide a base load power station in North Queensland that will provide that much needed, reliable, cheap power to really drive the economy.

The cold, hard reality is that renewable energy costs more than coal and gas, but Labor wants Queenslanders to pay more and this relentless pursuit of a 50 per cent renewable energy target by 2030 will see our electricity prices more than double. If the government wants to make Queenslanders

angry, then it should repeat what is going on in South Australia at the moment with the rolling blackouts, the intermittent power supply and now the debacle that is starting to emerge down there because that state does not have a reliable base load power station.

Just last week, the minister ruled out support for a power station in North Queensland. In a ministerial statement on 3 February he said—

There is simply no need for new coal fired baseload generation in North Queensland.

Also, on that day the Deputy Premier said that she is against the federal government's idea to support an overseas company to develop a coal-fired power station in North Queensland. We have the Deputy Premier, who is meant to be responsible for economic development, turning funding away—slapping private investment away from North Queensland—and saying that she does not support another coal-fired power station in the north.

The federal government has a \$5 billion Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility. Senator Matt Canavan is on record saying that electricity is a priority, but Labor continues to play politics instead of supporting jobs for North Queenslanders. Those opposite are not supporting investment, they are not supporting our farmers—our irrigators in my area—who are paying more and more for power. These people are providing jobs and economic prosperity for the north. The left is saying that it absolutely does not support base load power that would support the development of the Galilee Basin—tens of thousands of jobs for regional Queensland. Coal is used to fuel base load power stations. New clean coal technology will allow these power stations to be established in the north and provide the much needed power that we need.

The Productivity Commission report, which was commissioned by the Palaszczuk government and released in November last year, found that Labor's 50 per cent renewable energy policy will cost Queensland families \$317 million more for electricity between now and 2030. Businesses will pay \$221 million more and industry will pay \$746 million more for electricity between now and 2030. What will this increase do to our economy?

While those opposite continue on their path to destroy the economic prospects for North Queensland and the hip pockets of all Queenslanders by causing electricity prices to rise, the LNP members on this side of the House present an alternative that will benefit all—the development of a clean coal-fired generator in the north. The location is ready at Collinsville. I am saying, 'Build a new coal-fired base load station that will provide that cheap, reliable power that we so desperately need in North Queensland and do it now.'



Hon. AJ LYNHAM (Stafford—ALP) (Minister for State Development and Minister for Natural Resources and Mines) (6.15 pm): I rise to speak in support of the amendment to the motion. The security of reasonably priced electricity and gas is vital to our society and our economy. I think that we are hearing a false debate in our community. There is the confusion that an aspiration for more alternative energy cannot coexist with the need for secure and reasonably priced energy. Alternative energy is not the bad guy here. For those opposite who need help with the maths, I point out that a 50 per cent renewable energy target means that there is 50 per cent of something else. The members opposite fail to grasp that. This might mean coal, gas and—

Mr SPEAKER: Minister, can I seek clarification. There was a lot of cross-chatter. Are you speaking in support of the motion or the amended motion?

Dr LYNHAM: The amendment.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you.

Dr LYNHAM: Coal-fired power generation will remain part of this mix. We have some of the most efficient coal-fired power stations in the world and we have ample existing capacity from that source. CS Energy's Kogan Creek has the same generating capacity as our older power stations, but it uses around half the amount of coal to generate the same amount of power.


This debate is not just about generating capacity. It is important to recognise that other aspects of the energy system—the transmission, the distribution system and the associated capacity in terms of substations—must also be up to the task. For instance, a significant contributor to South Australia's problems was wind damage to the transmission line. What is the common factor here? Very little, if any, of South Australia's electricity system—the generation, the transmission, even the poles and wires—remain in public hands.

The clear difference between South Australia and Queensland is that we have retained control over the vast majority of our power-generating assets. There are no asset sales here. As I said, in South Australia almost all of the electricity generation is privately owned. Recently, in South Australia we saw

the market operator instruct a generator to start and then that generator refused to start. If those opposite were going to take Queenslanders down their track, where would our electricity prices be now? Where would our electricity system be now?

In contrast, we are working with the private sector to diversify our energy supply. One of the great innovative energy projects that will soon be supplying our grid in Queensland is Genex Power's \$580 million project at Kidston in North Queensland. It has just been given the tick. This project will create more than 500 local jobs with a 150-megawatt solar power generation farm in its first stage and a 330-megawatt pumped storage hydro-electric scheme to follow. This project not only generates alternative energy but also provides for energy storage on a scale that is sufficient to meet the peak power generation demands of North Queensland and some of Central Queensland. This is a huge renewable energy project for Queensland. It is great news for Queensland and fantastic news for North Queensland.

Our electricity system is an immensely complex system that cannot be managed by slogans from those opposite. Electricity is too important for slogans. The hallmark of our success will be that by 2030 we will be the quiet achiever. We will have achieved 50 per cent renewables with neither fanfare nor disaster. We will have kept the lights on, kept industry working and kept Queenslanders employed. We can do all that because we have not sold our power generating assets. Those opposite are absolutely bereft of energy policy. We have maintained our electricity generating assets. We can deliver 50 per cent renewables by 2030 for the benefit of the Queensland public.

 **Mr COSTIGAN** (Whitsunday—LNP) (6.20 pm): I rise to support the motion put forward by my good friend and colleague, the member for Burleigh. In Central and North Queensland coal is far from a dirty word. I remind all members of the House that two-thirds of our power stations across Australia are fired by coal. I want to back up my good friend and colleague, my neighbouring MP, the member for Burdekin. The best place to build a state-of-the-art coal-fired power station in North Queensland is, in fact, in Collinsville, smack bang in the middle of the two biggest regional economies of North Queensland. I know that the members of the Bowen Collinsville Enterprise, such as David Evans, and the Bowen Chamber of Commerce, Bruce Hedditch, have discussed this issue. It will be discussed at the first planning session of the newly minted peak regional economic body, the Greater Whitsunday Alliance, in Mackay this Friday.

I have been in touch with Gary Scanlan, the new CEO, and he assures me it will be kicked around and then some this Friday. He understands, like other people across North Queensland, that we need base load power to fire up industry. We need that power to facilitate the advent of the Galilee Basin that has been touched on in this debate tonight by the member for Burdekin and shadow minister for agriculture. Put bluntly, the only power those opposite are interested in is the power to dominate the people of Queensland. The only power they want is political power. They do not care what price people have to pay for electricity: people in small business, factories and foundries.

What about the irrigators in North Queensland who are trying to get their crop watered? They are not interested in making sure they lighten the load. We have all this coal at Collinsville. Let us go to what John Anderson said in today's *Townsville Bulletin*. He quoted the local councillor Peter Ramage, who is a Labor man. He actually speaks the truth sometimes. In today's *Townsville Bulletin* he said—

It's all there—the coal, the water and the power grid. You can kick the coal across the fence to the power station.

It makes common sense. There is so much more development in terms of the resources industry right now that we can pursue in the largely undeveloped northern part of the Bowen Basin around the Collinsville area.

Mr Cripps interjected.

Mr COSTIGAN: What about the royalties? I take the interjection from the member for Hinchinbrook. They do not want the royalties to take Queensland forward, because they are stuck in dirty, grubby deals with the Greens. There is no doubt that thanks to high-efficiency, low-emission technology we can do more. We can lower our emissions. To have a 50 per cent renewable energy target is preposterous.

Mr Cripps: It is dangerous.

Mr COSTIGAN: It is dangerous. I take the latest interjection from my fellow North Queenslander, the member for Hinchinbrook. We have so many people going off the grid at the moment. They are using diesel to irrigate their cane in the Burdekin and across the central district of the Mackay and the Whitsundays. Councillor Ramage has said it all in today's *Townsville Bulletin*. Collinsville is the place to do it. As I say, it is right in the middle of the two biggest regional economies of the north.

We have heard today from the Deputy Leader of the Opposition about the 43,000 jobs that have been lost across regional and rural Queensland. We need base load power to make it happen. We can look at the sun until the cows come home, but it is not going to cut the mustard. We need to go back to the future and the obvious place to do it is in Collinsville. People across North Queensland know it. We have seen Townsville Enterprise getting on the bandwagon as recently as today. All the peak economic bodies, such as Greater Whitsunday Alliance, are lining up. We have the \$5 billion Northern Australia Infrastructure Fund at our disposal. If we are going to develop North Queensland and Northern Australia energy security is key. We want to develop the northern Bowen Basin and the Galilee Basin. Are we going to click our fingers and get the lights to fire up? What is going to power the trains? The Palaszczuk Labor government is interested in power but only political power. They do not care about what we are going to have to pay for a 50 per cent renewable energy target and they are not interested in going back to the future.



Hon. CW PITT (Mulgrave—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment) (6.25 pm): After that effort those opposite have to get on the renewables bandwagon because the wind power that was coming out of the member for Whitsunday could fire up all of North Queensland. That is where we need to go. They are going down the wrong path. The whole motion is based on a false premise.

A government member interjected.

Mr PITT: I take that interjection: it was all hot air. I rise to support the amendment moved by the energy minister and express my support for reliable, cost effective, job creating energy generation in Queensland. That is exactly what we can do with our state's energy market. We have base load coal-fired and hydro generation, complemented by renewables such as solar—a diverse power system providing energy security for Queenslanders.

The Prime Minister might go on about outdated coal-only approaches to energy generation. The fact is the diversity of Queensland's power system is what makes it strong. We saw new records set in terms of overall load over the weekend and we may well see new records set in terms of demand, but our robust power system remains exactly that—robust. We held an independent review into the electricity market and it did not back another coal-fired power station in North Queensland. The LNP does not want to listen to independent reviews, just like they do not want to hear from the COAG Energy Council's Finkel review that their federal colleagues initiated. When we talk about the Finkel review, we are not pre-empting what is happening there. It has clear support from industry and business. COAG has already established a strong policy process for ensuring we deal with the energy market challenges and it is the Finkel review.

A joint media statement was released by the Australian Aluminium Council, the Australian Energy Council, the Australian Steel Institute, the Business Council of Australia, the Cement Industry Foundation, Energy Networks Australia, the Energy Users Association of Australia and the Australian Industry Group. Speaking of the AI Group, they have suggested that power prices for consumers could double, not fall, if new coal-fired power stations are built. That is obviously very interesting because as a very key lobby group they are working with energy experts talking about what could happen. They said—

This is not a recipe for guaranteed lower prices. In fact, prices would need to be sustained at very painful levels for the life of the project for that project to make its money back.

I do not think those opposite have the backing of the Australian Industry Group nor the business industry groups that were lining up to support the efforts being put into the Finkel review. The take-out message from that was that there is no room for partisan politics in energy. They want a mature, considered debate and clearly that is not what they would get if they came to this chamber tonight and listened to those opposite.

If those opposite really want a secure energy network, instead of grandstanding they should wait to hear the review outcomes. A key part of our strategy for energy security is keeping our coal-fired power stations in public ownership and keeping them running. The only plan of the Leader of the Opposition is still a secret plan, but it will not be so secret later on. He wants to sell our power assets off to the highest bidder, abdicating any influence or control and losing valuable revenue streams. This is well-worn territory for the member for Clayfield. We know that he will not stop with his last effort with Campbell Newman.

Still he has not explained how he will fill the budget black hole that the loss of the revenue stream would create if he did that. Still he has not explained how he would guarantee a new coal-fired power station if all the state's power assets are sold. Under his asset sales plan, we know that there is no private sector interest in a new coal-fired power station, so he must be guaranteeing to build a new one.

We can add that to another uncostered election commitment from those opposite. They are talking about building this, but they have no funds attached to it. Yet again, they are pushing it out as though it is part of their mantra to come back into the Treasury benches on this side of the House. It deepens the LNP black hole by another \$2 billion, which is pretty frightening.

At the weekend we saw just how diverse our energy mix is, as it provides security in terms of the electricity supply for households. We had record electricity demand at 9,369 megawatts and our network was up to the task. We have a significant base load power option in Queensland, so much so that we have to export into the national grid. We have been supporting the likes of South Australia and New South Wales if necessary, because that is how much we have. Those opposite want to create more base load power. We already have a gig in the pipeline. We do not need that. Of course, our mix, in terms of our approach to bringing in renewables, is great.

Being on this side of the House and being part of the previous Labor government that spawned the entire solar industry in Queensland is something that I am very proud of indeed. We put rooftop solar at top of mind and we created jobs, because we embraced the future instead of sticking only with the past. The answer is that we can have all of these things and we know that in Queensland we have a very reliable power supply.

(Time expired)

Division: Question put—That the amendment be agreed to.

AYES, 43:

ALP, 41—Bailey, Boyd, Brown, Butcher, Byrne, Crawford, D'Ath, de Brenni, Dick, Donaldson, Enoch, Farmer, Fentiman, Furner, Gilbert, Grace, Harper, Hinchliffe, Howard, Jones, Kelly, King, Lauga, Linard, Lynham, Madden, Miles, O'Rourke, Palaszczuk, Pearce, Pease, Pegg, Pitt, Power, Russo, Ryan, Saunders, Stewart, Trad, Whiting, Williams.

INDEPENDENT, 2—Gordon, Pyne.

NOES, 43:

LNP, 40—Barton, Bates, Bennett, Bleijie, Boothman, Costigan, Cramp, Crandon, Cripps, Davis, Elmes, Emerson, Frecklington, Hart, Janetzki, Krause, Langbroek, Last, Leahy, Mander, McArdle, McEachan, Millar, Minnikin, Molhoek, Nicholls, Perrett, Powell, Rickuss, Robinson, Rowan, Seeney, Simpson, Smith, Sorensen, Stevens, Stuckey, Walker, Watts, Weir.

KAP, 2—Katter, Knuth.

PHON, 1—Dickson.

Pair: Miller, Springborg.

The numbers being equal, Mr Speaker cast his vote with the ayes.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Question put—That the motion, as amended, be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

Motion, as agreed—

That this House calls on the Palaszczuk government to support the importance of reliable and affordable baseload electricity in Queensland, and the pipeline of more than 1300 direct jobs from the more than \$1.5 billion worth of new and renewable energy generation committed to North Queensland over the next eighteen months under the Palaszczuk Government.

Further, this House supports the COAG Energy Council's Finkel Review into the reliability and security of the National Energy Market and looks forward to the delivery of the final report to guide the most economic, affordable and secure reform of our energy system including North Queensland.

COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Portfolio Committees, Referral of Auditor-General's Reports and Reporting Date



Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (6.36 pm): I seek to advise the House of determinations made by the Committee of the Legislative Assembly at its meeting today. The committee has resolved, pursuant to standing order 194B, that: Auditor-General report to parliament No. 5 of 2016-17, titled *Energy: 2015-16 results of financial audits*, Auditor-General report to parliament No. 6 of 2016-17, titled *Rail and ports: 2015-16 results of financial audits*, and Auditor-General report to parliament No. 7 of 2016-17, titled *Water: 2015-16 results of financial audits*, be referred to the Public Works and Utilities Committee; Auditor-General report to parliament No. 8 of 2016-17, titled *Queensland state government: 2015-16 results of financial audits*, be referred to the Finance and Administration Committee; and Auditor-General report to parliament No. 9 of 2016-17, titled *Hospital*

and health services: 2015-16 results of financial audits, and Auditor-General report to parliament No. 10 of 2016-17, titled *Efficient and effective use of high value medical equipment*, be referred to the Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee.

The committee has resolved, pursuant to standing order 136, that the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee is to report on the Police Powers and Responsibilities (Commonwealth Games) Amendment Bill by 28 April 2017.

LIQUOR AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Portfolio Committee, Reporting Date



Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (6.37 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—

That, under the provisions of standing order 136, the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee report to the House on the Liquor and Other Legislation Amendment Bill by 24 February 2017.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (6.39 pm): I move—

That the House do now adjourn.

Carseldine Urban Village



Ms DAVIS (Aspley—LNP) (6.39 pm): In my electorate the streets of Carseldine are awash with yellow as locals demonstrate and send a message to the Palaszczuk-Trad government. Local residents feel invisible and unheard as the government progresses its plan for the development of the Carseldine Urban Village without a genuine robust consultation process. Over the Christmas closure, the Deputy Premier responded to a petition from over 1,500 concerned locals who are ropable. They have objected loudly and collectively to the government forging ahead with the development of the old QUT campus site and adjoining green space into an urban village with 900 new dwellings that will be home to 2,500-plus people, as I said, without any genuine consultation taking place. The Deputy Premier rests her planning for this residential development on community consultation that took place back in 2011 when the former Labor government first floated the urban village proposal.

To base a significant development within a community without taking any account of demographic changes over the past six years or local impacts is outrageous. The Deputy Premier knows that this development will have a significant impact on the lifestyle of the many locals who have worked hard all their lives to nestle into this lovely suburban community. The Deputy Premier knows that when the former QUT campus site develops into the urban village, locals will lose their precious playing fields and green space. The Deputy Premier knows that this development will increase traffic congestion along clogged Beams Road and Dorville Road—

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Farmer): Order! There are a lot of members standing around talking and it is quite distracting for the member for Aspley. Could I ask people to take their seats.

Ms DAVIS: The development will increase traffic congestion along already clogged Beams Road and Dorville Road, back streets will be cluttered with parked cars, green space will be lost and flora and fauna will be devastated. The Deputy Premier also knows that any money that comes from the sale of the land to be developed needs to go back into improving infrastructure that will be impacted locally. To date we have not had that assurance from her. The Deputy Premier's commentary on this development, both in her response to the petition and in her statements on the floor of this House, have shown her arrogance and have been nothing more than a bit of a pitch to silence the masses who object to these plans.

All the Carseldine locals want is for this government to listen to their concerns and to be heard and, importantly, to be given the opportunity to influence outcomes that impact on their local community. Perhaps the Deputy Premier could afford some time for our locals in Carseldine. Maybe she will get on one of those trains that she is now supposed to be fixing and head down to Carseldine Railway Station, after all it is just next door.

Greenslopes Electorate, Australia Day



Mr KELLY (Greenslopes—ALP) (6.42 pm): One of the things I noticed in my first year as a member of parliament representing Greenslopes was the lack of local celebrations of major community days and events like Australia Day, Queensland Day, Youth Week, Multicultural Week or Senior's Week. I should note that we have four very well supported and organised Anzac Day services at the Holland Park-Mt Gravatt RSL Sub-Branch, Greenslopes Private Hospital, Coorparoo RSL and Camp Hill State School.

After speaking to many local residents, organisations and businesses about this issue, I suggested that we organise a small event to celebrate Australia Day. I am pleased that local people, businesses and community groups were good to their word and they supported this event enthusiastically for the second year in a row.

I wanted to publicly thank the many organisations and businesses that have supported the event. Bendigo Bank Holland Park branch; Terri Butler MP, federal member for Griffith; All Real Foods; Kennards Hire; Diversional Therapy Technologies; and the Islamic Council of Queensland have all supported this event financially.

Seville Road State School P&C provided the venue and the food for the day. It is a fantastic venue and a great school at the heart of our community. The Women's Creative Centre and St Stephen's Anglican Church provided cake and craft stalls. Road2Art's Leigh Lynam led a community art project and was the face painter extraordinaire. Music was provided by the bands from the Marc Jo Hope Music School. They are amazingly talented performers.

Victor Street Scouts, Holland Park Hawks Soccer Club and AFL Queensland all provided sporting activities for the young and young at heart, even though it was very hot. Kim Peries from Pet City supported the event and kept the crowd entertained with hermit crab racing. Kim and the Southside Chamber of Commerce support the local community in so many ways, and I truly appreciate their involvement.

Special thanks to Bunnings Mt Gravatt and McDonald's Coorparoo for supplying prizes for the raffles and to the *South-East Advertiser* for promoting the event. I would also like to specially thank Mr Tony Brown, who, in addition to his work as president of the Seton College P&F, found time to help to organise the event.

Perhaps the nicest aspect of this day was the opportunity to raise money for our local charity, the Scarlett May Foundation. This foundation was started by Aiden and Renee Lamberth following the death of their daughter Scarlett. They took a personal tragedy and turned it into an organisation that provides practical support to families who have children in neonatal and paediatric intensive care units.

The community response to the event was fantastic. It shows that people are really looking for the opportunity to come together to celebrate and build our community. I am certainly looking forward, as are all those organisations, to doing this again next year. I wish to thank all those people who made this possible.

Coomera Electorate



Mr CRANDON (Coomera—LNP) (6.45 pm): There are many challenges for all of us in Queensland, but there are even more challenges in the state seat of Coomera as we see the new school year commence. I have massive growth in the middle of the electorate in the Pimpama area. I have two new schools there that are already over capacity when it comes to the parking facilities and bus facilities. Alarming, I have been told by the bus service that there is no review being provided in relation to the bus services until August this year.

This is in an area where I have seen 300 new students go into the new high school. It now has 1,400 students. It is expected to have 2,000 students by 2019. The primary school is only at half its capacity and it is already logjammed as far as its car park is concerned and certainly logjammed as far as buses are concerned. I see buses having to go up and over the centre concrete strips on the road out the front of the school to get around the cars because the cars cannot get into the car park. We need to desperately do something for these schools. Remember that the school is only half full. In the next two years it will be full. It will have 780 students. The car park is full now.


Those things have to be done. I call on the new transport minister, Education Queensland and the education minister to work with me to try to resolve these issues for those schools. It really is a desperate situation.

Another issue that we had in the electorate over the Christmas period and certainly before relates to the sugarcane industry. It was only able to get less than 50 per cent of the sugar crop off due to some breakdowns at the mill. Of course, we had that devastating white spot disease that has wiped out, for all intents and purposes, the prawn industry in the northern Gold Coast. Five of the six farms have been infected. Their crops have been totally destroyed.

We have to work with these farmers to try to find a way forward. One of the ways forward is at our fingertips. That is the South East Queensland Regional Plan. We are not at the end of the line as far as what we are doing with the South East Queensland Regional Plan is concerned. I call on the Deputy Premier to make sure that she gives due consideration to the sugarcane farmers and prawn farmers when it comes to them making requests for changes of use to the area known as canelands in the electorate. That represents about two-thirds of the current Coomera electorate. There are many challenges ahead of us.

(Time expired)


Kallangur Electorate

 **Mr KING** (Kallangur—ALP) (6.48 pm): I rise this evening to give a contribution on some events that have occurred during the break in my electorate of Kallangur. On 9 December I had the privilege of representing the Premier at the launch of Aspen Medical's new mobile surgery unit at Medical Designs at Murrumba Downs. Medical Designs are an Australian company now based in my electorate of Kallangur, as I said, at Murrumba Downs. They specialise in the design, manufacture and installation of operating theatre equipment, intensive care units, critical care and other patient treatment areas. The mobile surgery/operating theatres that Medical Designs build out of sea containers use over 90 per cent of Australian made parts and they provide over 35 local jobs. The quality of the units looked outstanding, and the team informed me that they can be adapted to use for mobile dialysis as well as proper operating theatres. Sergio, the manager, was talking about maybe having to move again to bigger premises. I wish them all the best and hope that they find these new premises in Kallangur.

I spent a fair bit of time at the end of last year doorknocking and holding mobile offices to get a feel from the residents of the Dakabin area and the commuters who use Dakabin station for what they would like to see happen with the station. The TransLink options study initiated by the transport minister after the Kallangur community cabinet has come back with several ways to go. These were: expand the existing park-and-ride facility beyond its current supply to meet the desired level of demand at the station; provide improved and direct bus network connections and associated infrastructure to the station to facilitate bus-rail and rail-bus transfers; upgrade the station to address accessibility issues so that the station complies with the requirements of the DDA and addresses wider accessibility issues and infrastructure limitations; upgrade walk and cycle infrastructure immediately surrounding the station to improve interchange with existing facilities, as well as to support continued walk and cycle travel options; and review the optimal location of the station along the existing rail corridor and explore with Moreton Bay Regional Council the opportunities for transit oriented development/communities both to improve the station's catchment and to improve accessibility to the station.

My own local survey was in addition to TransLink holding community feedback forums in the area. We have sent through our data to TransLink to add to their own, and I will be meeting with them soon to discuss the findings. I hope that from this we can come up with a plan to get something done to bring Dakabin station out of the dark ages and finally have a modern, disability compliant station that addresses the problems that the long-suffering residents and commuters who use Dakabin station have been putting up with for far too long.

Serious Offenders, Change of Name

 **Ms SIMPSON** (Maroochydore—LNP) (6.51 pm): Just how many people convicted of or charged with criminal offences, particularly child sex offences, are allowed to change their names each year? Who knows? I have asked that question of the Attorney-General—a very reasonable question—and she has failed to answer. I table her answer, which is a non-answer, providing an explanation of process only.

Tabled paper: Answer to question on notice No. 2252 of 2016 [\[168\]](#).


The parliament has a right to know but, more importantly, the public and victims have a right to know the answer to that question. Is the process adequate to stop serious offenders, particularly child sexual offenders, from changing their names to slip beneath public scrutiny? That is a mystery that the

Attorney-General can shed light on. It is also a mystery as to why she did not answer a reasonable question in the first place—a question put on notice through this parliament. Let us have the truth so that we can ensure that the best protections are in place for victims and the wider community to stop people who have committed terrible crimes from hiding from scrutiny by a name change, particularly when they are released back into the community.

I ask the question because Brett Cowan, the convicted murderer of Sunshine Coast schoolboy Daniel Morcombe, changed his name in Western Australia to something wacky—Shaddo N-unyah Hunter—in 2013, apparently before his arrest. He is apparently allowed to go by this name in a Queensland prison. The question remains: how many others here in Queensland or in other jurisdictions—but this is our jurisdiction where we need to know whether the process is adequate—have done this? Attorney-General, please answer this question. Let us look at this issue. Let us see that where there are loopholes they are closed, because there are people unfortunately who seek to slip beneath the scrutiny of the public after they have committed terrible crimes.

The public as well as the victims have a right to know. I know that there may be registers that provide advice to victims, but the public also has a right to know the names of these people so that they can take appropriate action to protect their community. It is obviously a concern if people are able to change their names without the scrutiny that we believe is necessary.

Nudgee Electorate

 **Ms LINARD** (Nudgee—ALP) (6.54 pm): It is a pleasure to have this opportunity to celebrate some of the local achievements that have taken place in my electorate of Nudgee as we celebrate two years of the Palaszczuk Labor government. Like many members over the past few weeks, I have been attending leadership assemblies and presentations at schools across the electorate. I am always so impressed by these young leaders who are stepping up to represent their communities with pride and great enthusiasm, and I take this opportunity to wish them all well for the coming year.

Yesterday I had the great pleasure of returning to my old high school, Earnshaw State College, for their college leaders presentation and was able to witness firsthand what a difference the installation of large industrial fans in the college hall is making to the wellbeing of students. Last Wednesday I had the opportunity to attend a similar ceremony at Geebung State School and walk through their recently refurbished classrooms which include significantly improved network capability, a previous concern for the school. I am looking forward to visiting Northgate State School next week to celebrate their successful campaign to transition to being an independent public school, something they are very excited about.

Last Thursday I had the pleasure of watching the Toombul Cricket Club's new girls only T20 Blast team start training thanks to a grant from the state government. North Devils Junior Rugby League Football Club, Hendra Pony Club, Banyo Kindy, St Pius, Zillmere State School P&C, Busy Bees Playgroup and Zillmere Eagles AFL Club, are also examples of just some of the hardworking local sporting groups and clubs who have received much needed assistance.

Vital infrastructure projects including additional car parking, a new pedestrian footbridge, improved lighting, closed circuit security cameras and signage at Banyo train station; improved parking and access at Boondall Railway Station; upgrading of the Gateway Motorway to six lanes between Nudgee and Bracken Ridge; a safer Nudgee interchange; and a new off-road shared pedestrian and cycle path along the entire length of the project so that everyone can enjoy the precious Nudgee Beach and Boondall Wetlands area are local infrastructure projects benefiting my community. We are investing in skilling Queenslanders and getting them back in the workforce, with programs delivered locally by Wesley Mission, yourtown, Kurbingui Youth Development, MDA and Nundah Activity Centre, amongst others.

I love to see my community going ahead, and these are just some of the recent achievements that I have had the great pleasure to support and work alongside my community to achieve—achievements that have been made possible by the support of this Palaszczuk Labor government, which is committed to working hard every day to create jobs, to reducing cost of living for local families by reducing public transport fares and guaranteeing electricity rebates for pensioners and to restoring front-line health and education services across our state by employing 2,390 additional nurses and 940 extra teachers and teacher aides. We know that there is much more to be done and we will continue to work day and night to deliver on the promises we made to Queenslanders.

Mount Cotton Training Centre



Mr McEACHAN (Redlands—LNP) (6.57 pm): I rise tonight to speak on an issue important to the people of Redlands. In 2015 this deceitful Palaszczuk Labor government sold the Mount Cotton driver training centre—an income-producing asset. In a traitorous deal done in the dead of night, this do-nothing government actually did something: they sold a key Redlands asset. Worse than that, they took the proceeds from this sale and shipped it out of Redlands. The money went into government advertising, not infrastructure, not investment, not into our roads badly in need of upgrade and repair. Redlanders are rightly in a state of disbelief.

I want to speak tonight about how the proceeds of this sale could have been spent to benefit the people of Redlands, because \$16 million goes a long way in Redlands. Given that this government has spent no money upgrading Redlands roads over the past two years, \$16 million could do the following: \$5 million would fix the Anita Street intersection, an intersection so dangerous that Redlanders raise their concerns with me on a daily basis—this government already ripped money out of this intersection; \$5 million would upgrade intersections near Mount Cotton State School—Seaview Road and Sanctuary Drive are congested and are a serious safety concern for local residents, parents and our children; \$5 million would improve safety and congestion on Duncan Road, Mount Cotton; \$400,000 would install flashing school zone lights at Russell and Macleay Island state schools. Both schools were slated for lights under the LNP's flashing light program. These island schools are missing out under this incompetent Labor government.

Finally, \$600,000 would improve school crossing safety on Ziegenfusz Road in Thornlands and at Carbrook State School. This is an appalling betrayal for the people of Redlands. Only the LNP has made a commitment to upgrade roads in Redlands—roads like the congested Cleveland-Redland Bay Road and the dangerous Anita Street intersection. Enough is enough.

I urge the main roads minister to climb down from his sanctimonious throne and come out to Redlands to have a look for himself at the roads that we have to live with. The community of 50,000 people have single-lane state roads that have not been upgraded in more than 20 years thanks to Labor. I will continue to fight for the people of Redlands to get our fair share.

Mackay, Dudley Denny City Library



Mrs GILBERT (Mackay—ALP) (7.00 pm): Earlier this month Mackay proudly officially opened their state-of-the-art library. The Dudley Denny City Library came to fruition with the generous gifting of The Dome building in Victoria Street to the people of Mackay through the Mackay Regional Council. The Dome is a prime piece of real estate in one of Mackay's main streets. The gift from David Denny to Mackay is truly generous. It is only fitting that the new library has been named in honour of his father, Dudley.

This generous gift has resulted in the people of Mackay having access to a modern, centrally located, high-tech library. The facilities include big screens with interactive floor projectors, laptop vending machines, collaborative media screens that talk to mobile devices, a 3D printer and the latest gaming equipment. If people want to go to the library and do what we have traditionally used libraries for—just to read a book—there are plenty of spaces with tranquil greenery and an outdoor covered deck surrounded by lush tropical plants.


Our heritage has not been forgotten. A purpose-built, climate-controlled room houses Mackay's precious history collections. It is important to get young children engaged in using their local library. Pepper, the humanoid robot, is one of the robotic teaching aids for young children and young adults. It engages in conversations with young people as they enter the library.

The construction of the \$5.6 million Dudley Denny City Library was a joint venture between the state government and the Mackay Regional Council. The planning for the library was done with the vision to give the Mackay city heart more vibe. Fergus Builders delivered the project because they used local contractors and trained local apprentices. The library has given our local tradies and apprentices much needed work. The state government contributed \$461,400 to the project to deliver jobs and infrastructure.

The completion of the library coincides with other state government projects that have been completed just recently, for instance, the Mackay Special School—\$4.7 million more jobs and infrastructure for Mackay. We are looking forward to starting the construction of the Vines Creek bridges, an \$8 million project, and also the building of the equestrian centre, refurbishing of the Mackay showgrounds and rebuilding the catering facilities—

(Time expired)

Oxley Police Beat

 **Mrs SMITH** (Mount Ommaney—LNP) (7.03 pm): If ever honourable members needed proof that this is a do-nothing Labor government, they should look no further than the Oxley Police Beat saga, and what a saga that has been! Let's have a recap. In February 2016 the lease on the police beat was signed. In July a police officer was appointed—that was six months later, in July. Now one year later, after taxpayers have been paying money on that lease and a police officer has been ready to start and get going, we still do not have an Oxley Police Beat.

The community has been asking for this to happen and yet this government does not accept that the Oxley people are important and want their police beat. Eighteen months later we are still waiting. We have to ask ourselves: why is this still not operating? Could it be because during those two years we have had three police ministers? That does not suggest to me that we have a stable government. Could it be—and this is the other answer we might have—that this Labor government is simply incompetent? We saw Mark Ryan, the police minister, I would suggest manufacture the truth a little bit when he tweeted on 16 January, 'The police beat on budget to open by 30th of the sixth.' That date would be 18 months after the lease was signed and, quite frankly, I do not think that is good enough. I do find it interesting that communication from the then police minister on 18 August—

Mrs Frecklington: Which one?


Mrs SMITH: Good question! Minister No. 2. The police minister was advising that finally the funds have been allocated for fit-out, and construction and approvals would happen in November. I can only say: let us have a look at the evidence: 18 months on and we still do not have a police beat and we are seeing an increase in crime in Oxley, with car thefts up by 140 per cent. I say we need action and we need action now, so the minister should make sure it is opened.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Farmer): Order! I remind members that we do not have conversations across the chamber. All comments are directed—

Mr Ryan interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister! Thank you, Minister.

Palaszczuk Labor Government, Performance

 **Mr CRAWFORD** (Barron River—ALP) (7.06 pm): As today is the second anniversary of the commencement of the Palaszczuk Labor government, I want to take time to revisit the last two years in my electorate, the challenges ahead and the achievements to date. The Cairns economy has surged in the last two years with a massive growth in domestic and international tourism numbers. This has reignited investor confidence in our region. Whether it is airline investment in new routes to new international destinations, new hotel construction and hotel refurbishments, the Cairns Aquarium construction due to open this year, packed hotels, packed reef boats or packed tour buses, confidence breeds confidence and it becomes infectious.

Our government has recognised the city's desire to host larger cruise ships. We know the outlook for cruise ship numbers is rapidly on the rise and we have found a logical way forward with respect to how we increase the channel size at Cairns and how we meet our Reef 2050 commitments to not only avoid damaging our most valued asset, the Great Barrier Reef, but also to continue to sustain a billion dollar industry. The Sustainable Ports Development Bill allowed for the Trinity Inlet development to stay alive, and I know that Ports North are working hard on a proposal to get underway with the works that are required to achieve that. Our roads in Barron River are struggling. They have been struggling for over 10 years now. It is certainly starting to get to crunch point in some locations. We have no federal funding in my patch; it is 100 per cent state funded. However, I am pleased to have a good team of cabinet ministers who understand, who listen and who act accordingly.

Late last week I briefed the Premier in Cairns over plans and proposals for some projects in my electorate. I want to thank the Minister for Main Roads as well for the work that his team has done, particularly the TMR team at Cairns under the guidance of Sandra Burke. We have unplugged the No. 1 road issue facing both sides of politics in Barron River and particularly at the 2015 election, the Bill Fulton Bridge duplication. Despite the LNP saying the project was always going to happen, it was a Labor government who found the planning money, a Labor government who found the construction money and a Labor government who got the project started. Currently, it is halfway through. It is sparking much excitement and conversation amongst motorists, who are pleased to see progress.

The second point of angst amongst motorists is a blockage point near the Caravonica State School due to the lack of a car park and the dangerous parking practices and pedestrian crossings. Traffic backs up for kilometres in both directions. Through the education minister, as well as working with council and local developers, we managed to find a way through and construction will start very shortly.

Sometimes it is the little things that we remember as a local member. I speak of little things such as the issue a good friend of mine, Bob, was having. I intervened because Ergon was going to take away his 44 cent feed-in tariff because his wife died. It is little things like that that keep us going. I look forward to the next election: two years down, one to go.

Question put—That the House do now adjourn.

Motion agreed to.

The House adjourned at 7.09 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Bailey, Barton, Bates, Bennett, Bleijie, Boothman, Boyd, Brown, Butcher, Byrne, Costigan, Cramp, Crandon, Crawford, Cripps, D'Ath, Davis, de Brenni, Dick, Dickson, Donaldson, Elmes, Emerson, Enoch, Farmer, Fentiman, Frecklington, Furner, Gilbert, Gordon, Grace, Harper, Hart, Hinchliffe, Howard, Janetzki, Jones, Katter, Kelly, King, Knuth, Krause, Langbroek, Last, Lauga, Leahy, Linard, Lynham, Madden, Mander, McArdle, McEachan, Miles, Millar, Minnikin, Molhoek, Nicholls, O'Rourke, Palaszczuk, Pearce, Pease, Pegg, Perrett, Pitt, Powell, Power, Pyne, Rickuss, Robinson, Rowan, Russo, Ryan, Saunders, Seeney, Simpson, Smith, Sorensen, Stevens, Stewart, Stuckey, Trad, Walker, Watts, Weir, Wellington, Whiting, Williams