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THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2020


 The Legislative Assembly met at 9.30 am.

Mr Speaker (Hon. Curtis Pitt, Mulgrave) read prayers and took the chair.

Mr SPEAKER: Honourable members, I respectfully acknowledge that we are sitting today on the land of Aboriginal people and pay my respects to elders past and present. I thank them, as First Australians, for their careful custodianship of the land over countless generations. We are very fortunate in this country to have two of the world's oldest continuing living cultures in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples whose lands, winds and waters we all now share.

MOTION

Order of Business

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.31 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

That the sessional orders setting out the order of business for this day's sitting be agreed to.

ORDER OF BUSINESS AND TIMES FOR THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2020

(1) Order of business

From 9.30am—10.15am—

Prayers

Messages from the Governor

Matters concerning privilege

Appointment of Deputy Speaker

Speaker's Statements

Appointments

Motions of Condolence

Petitions

Notification and tabling of papers by the Clerk

Ministerial Papers

Ministerial Notices of Motion

Ministerial Statements

Any other Government Business

Tabling of Reports

Personal Explanations

Notice of motion for disallowance of statutory instrument

10.15am—11.15am—

Question Time

11.15am—1.00pm—

Government Business

1.00pm—2.00pm—

Lunch break

2.00pm—until adjournment moved—

Government Business

(2) Adjournment

Notwithstanding Standing Order 56, there shall be no adjournment debate and the question "That the House do now adjourn" shall be immediately put without debate.

(3) Time limits

- (a) So much of Standing Order 47 is suspended to enable the Address in Reply debate to be no longer than 31 hours.
- (b) The maximum time limits that apply to debates, speeches and statements are contained in the schedule below.

Schedule—Maximum time limits for debates, speeches and statements

Subject	Relevant Standing or Sessional Orders	Time
Address in Reply Debate —Total time —Mover —Other members —Mover in reply	SO 47	31 hours 20 minutes 20 minutes 30 minutes
Adjournment debate	SO 56	Suspended
Bills—Government Bills Introduction of Bills (explanatory speech) First reading	SO 129 SO 130	1 hour No debate
Matters concerning privilege	Sessional Order 1, & SO 248 & 267	At discretion of Speaker
Motions —Mover —Other members —Mover in reply	Chapter 15	10 minutes 10 minutes 15 minutes
Personal Explanations —each member	Sessional Order 1	At discretion of Speaker
Tabling of Reports —Chairperson of Committee on presentation of committee report —Member tabling report	Sessional Order 1 & 2	5 minutes 2 minutes
Questions Without Notice —Question time (total time) —Member asking question —Minister answering question	Sessional Order 1 & SO 113	1 hour At discretion of Speaker 3 minutes

(4) Condolence Motions

- (a) If a motion of condolence is moved, the debate on such motion will last no more than one hour, after which time the question shall be put.
- (b) After a motion of condolence is moved, debated and resolved, the Order of Business for the day shall then resume, with Question Time commencing 45 minutes after the motion of condolence was resolved and with starting times for all other items, except lunch and dinner breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.

(5) Divisions

- (a) Standing Orders 103 to 106 of Chapter 19 are suspended and replaced with the following—

CHAPTER 19 DIVISIONS**103. Procedure for putting question and calling a division**

- (1) When the Speaker has put a question to the House, after the voices have been given, the Speaker shall declare whether the “Ayes” or the “Noes” have it.
- (2) Any member who has voted against the majority as declared by the Speaker may demand a division by calling “divide”.
- (3) When a division is demanded, the bells shall be rung for four minutes and the Speaker shall then call for a party vote in accordance with Standing Order 105.
- (3A) Notwithstanding (3), if there has already been a division in respect of that order of the day or motion, and there is no intervening debate, the Speaker may order the bells to be rung for one minute.
- (4) If any member disagrees with the result of a party vote, they may call “challenge”.
- (5) When a challenge to a party vote is made, the Speaker will order the division bells to be rung for four minutes in accordance with Standing Order 105A after which time there will be a challenge vote in accordance with Standing Order 106.
- (6) If there has already been a challenge in respect of that order of the day or motion, and there is no intervening debate, the Speaker may order the division bells to be rung for one minute.

104. Party vote unless a conscience issue

- (1) Where a division is demanded, a party vote or challenge vote is held unless the subject of the vote is to be treated as a conscience vote.
- (2) If the Speaker has received prior advice from a party whip of a conscience vote, the Speaker will permit a personal vote to be held instead of a party vote.

105. Procedure for a party vote

- (1) When the bars have been closed, the Speaker shall state the question to the House.
- (2) In a party vote—
 - (a) votes may only be cast for the Ayes or Noes;
 - (b) the Speaker asks the Government Whip and Opposition Whip to cast the party's votes;
 - (c) members of the parties that make up the government or official opposition that intend casting a contrary vote must advise their Whip. These members must then also advise the Clerk of their intention to cast a contrary vote and indicate whether they are voting for the "Ayes" or "Noes".
 - (d) the total number of votes cast for each party must include only those members present on the precinct together with any properly authorised proxy votes;
 - (e) members of minor parties, recognised parties or Independents present in the House must sign a tally sheet provided by the Clerk indicating whether they are voting for the "Ayes" or "Noes".
 - (f) after the votes have been cast by parties, the Speaker asks the Clerk to report the votes of other members that have reported to the Clerk in (c) and (e) above. The Clerk will report the votes by party or electorate;
 - (g) the Speaker declares the result to the House; and
 - (h) the results of the vote will be entered in the Record of Proceedings.
- (3) For this Standing Order a minor party is any party consisting of five or fewer members.
- (4) If fewer than five members vote with either the "Ayes" or the "Noes", the Clerk will record whether the question was agreed to or not in the Record of Proceedings but the result of the vote and the names of members voting will not be recorded in accordance with 2(h) above.

105A. Bars to be closed after time elapsed, for challenge vote

- (1) The bars shall not be closed whilst the division bells are ringing.
- (2) Immediately after the lapse of the period so specified by the Speaker and the division bells stop ringing, the Speaker shall direct the bars to be closed.
- (3) After the bars are closed no member shall then enter or leave the Chamber until after the division is reported.

106. Procedure for a challenge vote

- (1) When the bells have finished ringing, the bars will be closed and the Speaker shall state the question to the House.
- (2) To cast their votes, members must sit in their allocated places in the Chamber. Unless they have advised their Whip that they intend to cast a contrary vote, each member of the parties that make up the government or official opposition are deemed to be voting to support the response of their party members given at the time the Speaker originally put the question.
- (3) Members of the parties that make up the government or official opposition that intend casting a contrary vote must advise their Whip. These members must then also advise the Clerk of their intention to cast a contrary vote and indicate whether they are voting for the "Ayes" or "Noes".
- (4) Members of minor parties, recognised parties or Independents must sign a tally sheet provided by the Clerk indicating whether they are voting for the "Ayes" or "Noes".
- (5) The Government Whip, Opposition Whip and Clerk will report the number of "Ayes" or "Noes". The report must only relate to votes cast by members present in the Chamber and every member present must vote. The votes will be reported in the following order:
 - (i) The Speaker asks the Government Whip to report the government party's votes.
 - (ii) The Speaker asks the Opposition Whip to report the official opposition party's vote.
 - (iii) The Speaker asks the Clerk to report the votes of other members that have reported to the Clerk in accordance with (3) or (4) above. The Clerk will report the votes by party or electorate.
- (6) Any member may, before the result of the vote is announced by the Speaker, challenge the report of votes reported by the Government Whip, Opposition Whip or the Clerk. If a report is challenged, the Speaker may direct that the report stand, be corrected or that the matter be resolved by a personal vote.
- (7) The Speaker announces the result to the House.
- (8) The Government Whip and Opposition Whip will immediately provide the Clerk the names of those members of their party that were not present for the vote.
- (9) The Clerk will record the result of the vote and the names of those members voting "Aye" and "No" and publish those details in the Record of Proceedings.

- (10) If fewer than five members vote with either the “Ayes” or the “Noes”, the Clerk will record whether the question was agreed to or not in the Record of Proceedings but the result of the vote and the names of members voting will not be recorded in accordance with (9) above.
- (11) If an error occurs in any record of result, the error shall be reported to the House by the Speaker at the earliest practical time and the Record of Proceedings altered.
- (12) In this Standing Order a reference to Government Whip, Opposition Whip or the Clerk includes a reference to their delegates.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

PRESENTATION OF APPROPRIATION BILLS



Mr SPEAKER: Honourable members, I have to report that on Monday, 14 September I presented to His Excellency the Governor the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill and the Appropriation Bill for royal assent and that His Excellency was pleased to subscribe his assent in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty.

ASSENT TO BILLS



Mr SPEAKER: Honourable members, 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 that letter for the information of members.

The Honourable C.W. Pitt 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: 14 September 2020

A bill for an Act to amend the Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) Act 2004, the Childrens Court Act 1992, the Corrective Services Act 2006, the Criminal Code, the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 1978, the Disability Services Act 2006, the Evidence Act 1977, the Justices Act 1886, the Oaths Act 1867, the Penalties and Sentences Act 1992, the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000, the Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994, the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000 and the Youth Justice Act 1992 for particular purposes

A bill for an Act to provide for the recognition and acceptance of traditional child rearing practice in the Torres Strait community, and to amend this Act, the Adoption Act 2009, the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2003, the Criminal Code, the Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012, the Domicile Act 1981, the Evidence Act 1977, the Guardianship and Administration Act 2000, the Industrial Relations Act 2016, the Integrity Act 2009, the Payroll Tax Act 1971, the Powers of Attorney Act 1998, the Public Service Act 2008 and the Right to Information Act 2009 for particular purposes

A bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Industrial Relations Act 2016, the Magistrates Courts Act 1921 and the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009 for particular purposes

A bill for an Act to amend the Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2020, the Industrial Relations Act 2016, the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010, the Public Service Act 2008 and the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 for particular purposes

A bill for an Act authorising the Treasurer to pay amounts from the consolidated fund for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service for the financial years starting 1 July 2019 and 1 July 2020

A bill for an Act authorising the Treasurer to pay amounts from the consolidated fund for departments for the financial years starting 1 July 2019 and 1 July 2020

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

14 September 2020

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 14 September 2020, from His Excellency the Governor to the Speaker advising of assent to bills on 14 September 2020 [216].

APPOINTMENT

Deputy Speaker

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.32 am), by leave, without notice: I move—


That Mr Joe Kelly MP, member for Greenslopes, be appointed Deputy Speaker.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

Mr SPEAKER: I look forward to working with you, member for Greenslopes.

COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH OR AFFIRMATION

 **Mr SPEAKER:** Honourable members, I have to report that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to issue a commission under the public seal of the state authorising me to administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance and of office to such members as might hereafter present themselves to be sworn. I now ask the Clerk to read the commission to the House.

The Clerk read the following commission—

Queensland

Constitution of Queensland 2001

To the Honourable CURTIS WARREN PITT, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland.

I, PAUL de JERSEY AC, Governor, acting under section 22 of the *Constitution of Queensland 2001*, authorise you to administer to any member of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and of Office that is required to be taken or made by every member before the member is permitted to sit or vote in the Legislative Assembly.

(Sgd)

Signed and sealed with the Public Seal of the State on 24 November 2020.

By Command

(Sgd)

A Palaszczuk


RECORDED in the Register of Patents, No. 52, page 41, on 24 November 2020.

(Sgd)

Clerk of the Executive Council

Tabled paper: Commission, dated 24 November 2020, authorising the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Hon. Curtis Pitt, to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and of Office [\[217\]](#).


GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH

 **Mr SPEAKER:** Honourable members, I have to report that His Excellency the Governor on Wednesday, 25 November 2020 delivered a speech to parliament of which, for greater accuracy, I have obtained a copy. I table a copy for the information of members.


Tabled paper: Opening Speech: Governor's speech to the Opening of the First Session of the Fifty-Seventh Parliament, dated 25 November 2020 [\[218\]](#).

SPEAKER'S STATEMENTS

Coronavirus, Operation of Parliament

 **Mr SPEAKER:** Honourable members, under the current COVID directions, all members are able to meet at the same time in the chamber due to the chamber having allocated seating. However, there are a few points I wish to make. Members are to have care in entry and exit of the chamber and not loiter in the aisles or sit in a seat that has not been allocated to them. Members are asked to sanitise their hands before entering the chamber. We will use bottled water rather than jugs and glasses for the time being.

Parliamentary Procedure

 **Mr SPEAKER:** Honourable members, it has become the practice for new Speakers early in their term to set out their expectations. In my case, I wish to refresh members' knowledge—those returning—in terms of the parliamentary rules, practice and procedures of the House. I have had the great privilege of being re-elected as the Speaker for the 57th Parliament and I have reflected on my previous term as Speaker in the previous statements that I have made. I have, therefore, made some modifications to some matters and I have circulated a statement for the information of members, and this will be incorporated into the *Record of Proceedings*. This incorporation sets out my expectations and reinforces what are basic but important rules of the House. I am obviously indebted to the statements of previous Speakers from which some of this material is drawn. Is leave granted to incorporate the statement?

Leave granted.

Expectations of the Speaker and common procedural matters

Members need to rise and call

Whilst the Whips oftentimes produce speaking lists, it is emphasised that they are guides only. Standing Order 247 provides that Members wishing to speak shall rise and address the Speaker. If more than one Member rises, the Speaker shall call upon the Member who, in the Speaker's opinion rose first.

If Members do not rise and address the Speaker, the Speaker is entitled to call any Member who has risen and if no Member has risen to call on the next item of business or the Member in charge of the matter under consideration to close the debate as the case may be.

Addressing the Chair and the use of "you"

Standing Order 247 provides that "Members wishing to speak shall rise and address the Speaker". This means that Members should not address each other directly across the Chamber—all statements should be made through the Chair.

This standing order, among others, is designed to promote civilised debate in the Chamber by having statements and questions directed through the Chair, rather than personally towards other Members. As such, reference to another Member needs to be in the third person such as "the Minister" or "the Member for". When a second-person personal pronoun, such as "you", is used it is indicating that the Member is not addressing the House through the Speaker.

Referring to Members by their correct title

A related issue is that Members must refer to other Members by their correct title, either their Ministerial or Parliamentary Office or their electorate. Words like "he" or "she" tend to indicate when this is not happening.

Interrupting other Members

I draw to the attention of Members Standing Order 251, which provides the general rule that when a Member is speaking no other Member may converse, make any noise or disturbance so as to interrupt the Member speaking.

There are limited exceptions to this rule. Interjections are part of parliamentary debate and will be tolerated where welcomed by the Member on their feet or which are reasonable and temperate.

Unfortunately, a number of Members seek to use points of order or matters of privilege inappropriately to either interrupt other Members or interrupt the order of business generally. Frivolous interruptions are disorderly.

Points of order

A point of order is essentially a question as to whether the present proceedings are in order or allowed by the rules of the House or parliamentary practice and procedure generally.

An attempt to allegedly correct the record, or allege that another Member is misleading the House, or put the Members own position on a matter, or introduce another topic or material, is not a point of order.

A Member's point of view is not a point of order and is merely disorderly.

Persistent, deliberately disruptive or frivolous points of order, being disorderly, may result in a Member being warned under Standing Orders 252-254.

I make it very clear to Members that I will be quick in warning Members who abuse the rules by making frivolous points of order.

Matters of privilege

A genuine matter of privilege, suddenly arising, may be raised by a Member at any time under Standing Order 248. To satisfy the requirements of Standing Order 248, a matter must firstly be a matter of privilege and secondly, it must be a matter that has suddenly arisen and requires immediate redress.

The reality is that few matters fall within the definition of a matter of privilege suddenly arising.

Matters that may fall into that category include: Members being unable or prevented from entering the Chamber, strangers being present in the House and interrupting proceedings, or required material not being available for proceedings before the House.

Unfortunately, as with points of order, some Members attempt to use matters of privilege to allegedly correct the record, or allege that another Member is misleading the House, or put the Member's own position on a matter, or introduce another topic or material.

These matters are not matters of privilege suddenly arising and are simply yet another example of abuse of the rules.

If any Member believes another Member has deliberately misled the House, then the appropriate procedure is contained in Standing Order 269. The Member should write to the Speaker with all evidence available supporting the allegation.

I will not allow other Members to simply rise and allege a deliberate misleading of the House during the course of business.

Persistent, deliberately disruptive or frivolous matters of privilege, being disorderly, may result in a Member being warned under Standing Orders 252-254.

I also note that matters of order, dealt with on the floor of the House by withdrawals, suspensions or other remedies should generally not be escalated to matters of privilege.

Correcting the record

The former Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee, has made a number of statements over the years, about the importance of Members correcting their own errors at the earliest opportunity.

A Member who has the courage to recognise that they have done something wrong, whether deliberately or not, and takes appropriate action is to be strongly commended and supported.

I am extremely unlikely to refer a member to the Ethics Committee who has taken the initiative to correct or clarify the record, or does so at my request.

I will allow Members to rise at an appropriate point in proceedings to correct incorrect or misleading statements that they themselves have made in proceedings. Members in making their correction should say, at the beginning of their speech, "I wish to advise the House that I have (insert time) made an incorrect statement and I wish to correct the record" or words to that effect.

I suggest that Members attempt to confer with the Speaker in the chair for an appropriate time.

Personal explanations

There is time in the Order of Business each day for personal explanations.

A personal explanation is just that, an opportunity for a Member to explain their position on a matter raised about them, whether it be in the House or outside, such as in the media.

However, it is not an opportunity for a Member to attack another Member.

Language

Members need also to remember that Standing Orders and practice and procedure also prevent:

- unparliamentary language, and
- personal reflections on other Members.

These rules are aimed at ensuring civilised debate and questioning on issues rather than personal attacks across the Chamber.

Unparliamentary language is difficult to define and no exhaustive list of expressions can be provided. Largely, what is unparliamentary by necessity lays in the realm of who is in the Chair; but generally it is any language or expression that is unworthy of the dignity of the House or Parliament as an institution.

What may be acceptable language in some places outside Parliament, indeed may even be common usage in some places or forums, does not necessarily mean it is acceptable in this forum.

A further separate matter relates to personal reflections. Standing Order 234 provides that imputations of improper motives, personal reflections, and unbecoming or offensive words in relation to another Member are disorderly. A Member has a right to require the withdrawal of such personal reflections.

Generally, if the affected Member believes a statement is a personal reflection and objects to the words used, then the Chair will require withdrawal and not make an objective assessment. However, Members should not be overly sensitive, as this is to be a House of debate and scrutiny.

Tabling documents

As previous Speakers' have noted, the tabling of documents in this House is very liberal compared with other houses of parliament. In this House members have an almost unfettered right to table documents, at least in the first instance. It is a very great privilege to table documents in a relatively unfettered manner, but it must be balanced by the right of the chair, assisted by officers at the table, to ensure that the standing orders of the House and rulings of the House are not transgressed or subverted by the tabling of documents or the contents of documents.

Tabled documents should not contain sub judice material, unparliamentary material or material that otherwise offends standing orders.

We largely rely on members to self-regulate the right to table material. Members in turn should be wary of persons seeking to use them as a conduit to table documents that harm the reputation of members of the public, and about which the member may have little actual knowledge of the truth.

I note that Speakers have previously made rulings regarding the types of documents being tabled where they serve no purpose and where members can make their point without tabling those items. I remind all honourable members that there is a cost to the public purse when documents and items are tabled. They must be recorded, registered and stored at public expense forever. Documents already tabled should not be tabled again.

In my previous term as Speaker, I noticed an increasing trend for documents transmitted by Ministers for tabling on non-sitting just short of the 5.00pm deadline.

The transmission of documents to the Clerk for tabling on non-sitting days is not an immediate process. Whilst the Clerk and his delegates process documents in a timely manner, there are a range of compliance checks that are required to be undertaken before the document can be tabled.

The transmission of documents shortly before 5.00pm does not assist the Clerk to rectify any compliance issues to ensure the document is tabled in a timely manner.

If a compliant document is not received before 5.00pm, I have instructed the Clerk not to proceed with the tabling until the next business day.

Absence or state of Member

Speaker Mickel enforced a rule about not allowing reference to the absence of a Member in the Chamber during debate. Speaker Mickel's rule has become part of our practice and I intend to enforce it.

I also note that it is a long standing rule that the state of a Member should not be commented upon.

Question Time

I urge all Members to consider carefully Standing Orders 113 and 115 which provides the general rules for Questions.

Questions may only be asked of Ministers if the question relates to public affairs with which the Minister is officially connected or to any matter of administration for which the Minister is responsible or proceedings pending in the Legislative Assembly for which the Minister is responsible (but discussion must not be anticipated).

Questions should be brief and relate to one issue. Questions should not contain: lengthy or subjective preambles; arguments; inferences; imputations; hypothetical matters; or names of persons, unless they are strictly necessary to render the question intelligible and can be authenticated.

Importantly questions should not ask for: an expression of opinion; a legal opinion; or an answer that would contravene the rules relating to matters sub judice.

Question Time is a pivotal part of the Legislative Assembly's function to scrutinise and check the activities of the Government. Question Time provides an avenue to test a Minister's knowledge of their portfolio and to hold them to account for their activities and the conduct of their portfolio.

Members asking questions are entitled to be heard. Ministers answering questions are also entitled to be heard. This is, however, a House of robust debate. I will not, therefore, expect total silence in Question Time, nor prevent interjections.

If members or Ministers provoke interjections or accept interjections I will not interfere in debate. If a member or Minister cannot speak or be heard because of interjections or if interjections are unprovoked and unwelcome or disruptive, I will rise to my feet.

As noted above, when I rise to my feet, I expect the House to come to order and for members to be silent.

I would urge Members asking questions to be brief and that their questions be unpolluted by political argument, inferences or imputations. If questions are used to simply "attack", rather than seek information or a genuine answer or if they are lengthy and canvass a number of matters, then the questioner is likely to receive an answer that they do not desire. Usually the questions asked set the tone for the answers given.

SPEAKER'S RULING


First Speeches



Mr SPEAKER: Honourable members, a member's first speech in this place is a very important occasion. Previous rulings, including that of Speaker Wellington on 26 March 2015 at page 24 of *Hansard*, have made it clear that some speeches are not regarded as a first speech because it is understood that some speeches are not given by a member's own choice or timing. Practice in Queensland and other Australian jurisdictions indicates that a speech made in relation to a condolence motion, the asking of a question without notice, the answering of a question without notice, a speech by a newly elected member in their capacity as a minister or opposition spokesperson are not considered to be first speeches.


APPOINTMENTS

Panel of Temporary Speakers


 **Mr SPEAKER:** Honourable members, in accordance with standing order 11, I advise that I have appointed the following members to the Panel of Temporary Speakers: Ms Jonty Bush, the member for Cooper; Ms Laura Gerber, the member for Currumbin; Mr Michael Hart, the member for Burleigh; Ms Cynthia Lui, the member for Cook; Mr Jon Krause, the member for Scenic Rim; and Mr Les Walker, the member for Mundingburra. You will note that many of these members are first-time temporary Speakers. I ask the House to be patient and assist them wherever possible. However, I would expect that you would not be providing them guidance. Members who have been in this place for some time know what that means.

SPEAKER'S STATEMENTS

Absence of Minister


 **Mr SPEAKER:** Honourable members, I have received a notification and supporting certification regarding the member for Gladstone's absence from the House through to 11 December 2020. The member's notification complies with standing order 263A.

School Group Tour

 **Mr SPEAKER:** Honourable members, I wish to advise that we will be visited in the gallery this morning by students and teachers from Churchill State School in the electorate of Ipswich. I also wish to advise that the gallery has been reopened to the public, albeit with limited numbers.

APPOINTMENTS

Ministry

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.37 am): I wish to inform the House of ministerial arrangements subsequent to the recent re-election of my government. On 12 and 19 November 2020, in accordance with the Constitution of Queensland 2001, His Excellency the Governor appointed my new ministry and appointed each minister as a member of the Executive Council. I also advise the House that His Excellency, acting by and with the advice of the Executive Council, appointed assistant ministers on 12 and 19 November. For the information of the House I table the *Extraordinary Government Gazette* of 12 and 19 November which outline these appointments.

Tabled paper: Extraordinary Government Gazette No. 51, dated 12 November 2020, appointing the ministry and assistant ministers [\[219\]](#).

Tabled paper: Extraordinary Government Gazette No. 55, dated 19 November 2020, regarding change to the ministry and additional appointment of assistant minister [\[220\]](#).

I also seek leave to incorporate the details of these appointments in the *Record of Proceedings*.

Leave granted.

Ministers

The Honourable STEVEN JOHN MILES, to be Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning;

The Honourable CAMERON ROBERT DICK, to be Treasurer and Minister for Investment;

The Honourable GRACE GRACE, to be Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing;

The Honourable YVETTE MAREE D'ATH, to be Minister for Health and Ambulance Services;

The Honourable MARK CRAIG BAILEY, to be Minister for Transport and Main Roads;

The Honourable MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER de BRENNI, to be Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and Minister for Public Works and Procurement;

The Honourable SHANNON MAREE FENTIMAN, to be Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence;

The Honourable MARK THOMAS RYAN, to be Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services;

The Honourable STIRLING JAMES HINCHLIFFE, to be Minister for Tourism Industry Development and Innovation and Minister for Sport;

The Honourable MARK FURNER, be Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities;

The Honourable LEEANNE MARGARET ENOCH, to be Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts;

The Honourable DIANNE ELIZABETH FARMER, to be Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development;

The Honourable CRAIG DARYL CRAWFORD, to be Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships;

The Honourable SCOTT JAMES STEWART, to be Minister for Resources;

The Honourable MEAGHAN ALANA JENKINS SCANLON, to be Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Youth Affairs;

The Honourable LEANNE MAREE LINARD, to be Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs; and

The Honourable GLENN JAMES BUTCHER to be Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water.

Assistant Ministers

BART JOHN MELLISH MP to be Assistant Minister to the Premier for Veterans' Affairs, Trade and COVID Economic Recovery;

NIKKI ANNE BOYD MP to be Assistant Minister for Local Government;

CHARIS MULLEN MP to be Assistant Minister for Treasury;

BRITTANY LOUISE LAUGA MP to be Assistant Minister for Education;

JULIEANNE CLAIRE GILBERT MP to be Assistant Minister for Health and Regional Health Infrastructure;

BRUCE MARK SAUNDERS MP to be Assistant Minister for Train Manufacturing and Regional Roads;


LANCE RICHARD McCALLUM MP to be Assistant Minister for Hydrogen Development and the 50% Renewable Energy Target by 2030;

MICHAEL PATRICK THOMAS HEALY MP to be Assistant Minister for Tourism Industry Development.


I also advise the House that, while the member for Gladstone was able to attend the House and be sworn in as a member on Tuesday, he will be absent from the House today and for next week's sitting while he continues to recuperate from recent back surgery. An acting arrangement for the member's ministry is currently in place, and I table the *Extraordinary Government Gazette* of 20 November 2020, which outlines the appointment of the Hon. Steven Miles, Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, to act as and to perform all of the functions and exercise all of the powers of the Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water until the Hon. Glenn Butcher returns to duty.

Tabled paper: Extraordinary Government Gazette No. 59, dated 20 November 2020, regarding change to the ministry [\[221\]](#).


Leader of the House

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.39 am): I inform the House of the ongoing appointment as the Leader of the House of the Hon. Yvette D'Ath, Minister for Health and Ambulance Services.

Government Whips

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.39 am): I inform the House of the following appointments with effect from 23 November 2020: Mr Don Brown, member for Capalaba, has been appointed Chief Government Whip; Ms Joan Pease, member for Lytton, has been appointed Senior Government Whip; and Ms Jessica Pugh, member for Mount Ommaney, has been appointed Deputy Government Whip.

Opposition

 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (9.40 am): For the information of the House I table a list of opposition appointments. I seek leave to have the appointments incorporated in the official record of parliament.

Leave granted.

SHADOW MINISTRY	
Leader of the Opposition Shadow Minister for Tourism	David Crisafulli MP
Deputy Leader of the Opposition Shadow Treasurer Shadow Minister for Investment and Trade	David Janetzki MP
Shadow Minister for Health and Ambulance Services Shadow Minister for Medical Research Shadow Minister for Women	Ros Bates MP
Shadow Minister for Finance Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations Manager of Opposition Business	Jarrod Bleijie MP
Shadow Minister for Integrity in Government Shadow Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning	Fiona Simpson MP
Shadow Minister for Police and Corrective Services Shadow Minister for Fire and Emergency Services Shadow Minister for Rural and Regional Affairs	Dale Last MP
Shadow Minister for Customer Service Shadow Minister for Transport and Main Roads	Steven Minnikin MP
Shadow Attorney-General Shadow Minister for Justice	Tim Nicholls MP
Shadow Minister for Education Shadow Minister for the Arts	Dr. Christian Rowan MP
Shadow Minister for Water and the Construction of Dams Shadow Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing	Deb Frecklington MP
Shadow Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy	Pat Weir MP
Shadow Minister for Housing and Public Works Shadow Minister for Sport and Racing	Tim Mander MP
Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Tony Perrett MP
Shadow Minister for Local Government Shadow Minister for Disaster Recovery Shadow Minister for Volunteers	Ann Leahy MP
Shadow Minister for Seniors, Communities and Disability Services Shadow Minister for Multiculturalism and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships	John-Paul Langbroek MP
Shadow Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef Shadow Minister for Science and Innovation Shadow Minister for Youth	Sam O'Connor MP
Shadow Minister for Employment, Small Business and Training Shadow Minister for Open Data	Brent Mickelberg MP
Shadow Minister for Child Protection Shadow Minister for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence	Amanda Camm MP
SHADOW ASSISTANT MINISTRY	
Assistant to the Leader of the Opposition Shadow Assistant Minister for Western Queensland	Lachlan Millar MP
Shadow Assistant Minister for COVID Economic Recovery	Dan Purdie MP
Shadow Assistant Minister for Justice Shadow Assistant Minister for Youth Shadow Assistant Minister for the Night-time Economy Shadow Assistant Minister for Cultural Development	Laura Gerber MP
Shadow Assistant Minister for Higher Education Shadow Assistant Minister for Research Shadow Assistant Minister for Defence Procurement	James Lister MP
Shadow Assistant Minister for State Development Shadow Assistant Minister for Natural Resources and Mines	Jim McDonald MP

Shadow Assistant Minister for Mental Health Shadow Assistant Minister for Drug and Alcohol Treatment Shadow Assistant Minister for Families Shadow Assistant Minister for Seniors	Rob Molhoek MP
Shadow Assistant Minister for Tourism Industry Development	Stephen Bennett MP
Shadow Assistant Minister for Finance	Michael Crandon MP

Other:

Andrew Powell MP Shadow Cabinet Secretary
Trevor Watts MP Whip
Mark Boothman MP Deputy Whip

Tabled paper: List of opposition appointments [\[222\]](#).

PETITIONS

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

Cairns, Health Infrastructure

From 502 petitioners, requesting the House to commit to the Cairns University Hospital project and to build the Cairns Health Innovation Precinct within 2022-25. [\[223\]](#)

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

Boonah-Rathdowney Road, Upgrade

Mr Krause, from 317, petitioners, requesting the House to upgrade Boonah-Rathdowney Road, in particular to double lanes from Musgrave Bridge to Maroon [\[224\]](#).

Port of Bundaberg, Project Agreement

Mr Bennett, from 258 petitioners, requesting the House to sign the project agreement so work on the conveyor can start at the Port of Bundaberg [\[225\]](#).

Rockhampton, Sporting Complex Upgrades

Mr Andrew, from 85 petitioners, requesting the House to commit to sporting complex upgrades at the proposed Victoria Park site, Rockhampton [\[226\]](#).

Mango Hill, Fire Station

Mr Andrew, from 136 petitioners, requesting the House to secure land and start the process to establish a new fire station in Mango Hill [\[227\]](#).

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

Local Government Regulation, Amendment

From 252 petitioners, requesting the House to ensure amendment to s254 Local Government Regulation (Qld) 2012 to properly reflect that any pledge any elected or local government employee has with an organisation are invalidated once elected or appointed to public office [\[228\]](#).

Mining Operations, Community Impact

From 539 petitioners, requesting the House to protect local communities from the impacts of mining operations [\[229\]](#).

Electorate Offices

From 492 petitioners, requesting the House to implement greater safeguards to ensure electorate offices and their assets are not used for political party purposes [\[230\]](#).

South-East Queensland, Koala Habitat

From 3,819 petitioners, requesting the House to implement stronger laws for the protection of koala habitat in South East Queensland [\[231\]](#).

Weapons Regulation, Paintball Markers

From 1,633 petitioners, requesting the House to remove paintball markers from Category A of the weapons regulation to a Restricted Item [\[232\]](#).

Murrumba Downs, Police Station

From 311 petitioners, requesting the House to establish a new police station in Murrumba Downs [\[233\]](#).

Deception Bay, Fire Station

From 156 petitioners, requesting the House to make Deception Bay Fire Station a permanent fire station [\[234\]](#).

Mango Hill/North Lakes, Police Station

From 537 petitioners, requesting the House to open the current police station at Mango Hill/North Lakes 24-hours [\[235\]](#).

Rockhampton, Gracemere and Mount Morgan, Bus Services

From 197 petitioners, requesting the House to improve existing bus networks and their ticketing regulations across Rockhampton, Gracemere and Mount Morgan [\[236\]](#).

Disability Support Pensioners, Mortgage Eligibility

From 296 petitioners, requesting the House to enable people on disability support pensions to be eligible for a mortgage [\[237\]](#).

Petitions received.

TABLED PAPERS

PAPERS TABLED DURING THE 56TH PARLIAMENT (SO 31)

The Clerk informed the House that the following papers, received after the last sitting day of the 56th Parliament on 10 September 2020, and prior to the dissolution of the 56th Parliament on 6 October 2020, were tabled on the dates indicated—

11 September 2020—

- [1632](#) Transport and Public Works Committee: Report No. 43, 56th Parliament—Subordinate legislation tabled between 20 May 2020 and 11 August 2020
- [1633](#) COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020, Planning Act 2016: Planning Legislation (Economic Recovery Measures and Other Matters) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 197
- [1634](#) COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020, Planning Act 2016: Planning Legislation (Economic Recovery Measures and Other Matters) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 197, explanatory notes
- [1635](#) COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020, Planning Act 2016: Planning Legislation (Economic Recovery Measures and Other Matters) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 197, human rights certificate
- [1636](#) Response from the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (Hon. Dr Miles), to a paper petition (3395-20) presented by the member for Whitsunday, Mr Costigan, and an ePetition (3356-20) sponsored by the member for Whitsunday, Mr Costigan, from 633 and 733 petitioners respectively, requesting the House to take appropriate steps to deliver renal dialysis services at Proserpine Hospital

14 September 2020—

- [1637](#) Transport and Public Works Committee: Report No. 44, 56th Parliament—Examination of Auditor-General Report No. 3: 2019-20—Managing cyber security risks
- [1638](#) Transport and Public Works Committee: Report No. 45, 56th Parliament—Annual Report 2019-2020
- [1639](#) Response from the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (Hon. Dr Lynham), to an ePetition (3284-20) sponsored by the Clerk under provisions of Standing Order 119(4) from 1,451 petitioners, requesting the House to look at feasible options to restore the holding capacity of Leslie Harrison Dam and to permit non-motorised recreational use at and on the Dam
- [1640](#) Report to the Legislative Assembly from the Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (Hon. Dr Miles) pursuant to section 56A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1992, regarding the Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulation 1996, the Health Regulation 1996 and the Pest Management Regulation 2003
- [1641](#) Report to the Legislative Assembly from the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (Hon. Dr Lynham) pursuant to section 56A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1992, regarding the Electricity Regulation 2006, the Energy and Water Ombudsman Regulation 2007 and the Gas Supply Regulation 2007
- [1642](#) Report to the Legislative Assembly from the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (Hon. Dr Lynham) pursuant to section 56A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1992, regarding the Stock Route Management Regulation 2003
- [1643](#) Education and Care Services National Law: Education and Care Services National Amendment Regulations 2020
- [1644](#) Education and Care Services National Law: Education and Care Services National Amendment Regulations 2020, human rights certificate

15 September 2020—

- [1645](#) Response from the Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services (Hon. Ryan), to a paper petition (3396-20) presented by the member for Callide, Mr Boyce, and an ePetition (3382-20) sponsored by the member for Callide, Mr Boyce, from 106 and 785 petitioners respectively, requesting the House to introduce a range of measures to reduce youth crime in Chinchilla
- [1646](#) Education, Employment and Small Business Committee: Report No. 36, 56th Parliament—Subordinate legislation tabled between 23 April 2020 and 16 June 2020
- [1647](#) Economics and Governance Committee: Report No. 46, 56th Parliament—Annual Report 2019-2020

- [1648](#) Economics and Governance Committee: Report No. 47, 56th Parliament—Inquiry into the feasibility of introducing expenditure caps for Queensland local government elections
- [1649](#) Education, Employment and Small Business Committee: Report No. 37, 56th Parliament—Annual Report 2019-20
- 16 September 2020—
- [1650](#) State Development, Tourism, Innovation and Manufacturing Committee: Report No. 4, 56th Parliament—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1651](#) Ethics Committee: Report No. 203, 56th Parliament—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1652](#) Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee: Report No. 42, 56th Parliament—Subordinate legislation tabled between 20 May and 13 July 2020
- [1653](#) Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee: Report No. 43, 56th Parliament—Interim report: Inquiry into the Queensland Government’s health response to COVID-19
- 18 September 2020—
- [1654](#) Transport and Public Works Committee: Report No. 40, 56th Parliament—Subordinate legislation tabled between 18 March 2020 and 19 May 2020, government response
- 21 September 2020—
- [1655](#) State Development, Tourism, Innovation and Manufacturing Committee: Report No. 5, 56th Parliament—Subordinate legislation tabled between 17 June 2020 and 11 August 2020
- 22 September 2020—
- [1656](#) Auditor-General Report 3: 2020-21—Queensland government response to COVID-19
- [1657](#) Response from the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Hon. D’Ath), to an ePetition (3405-20) sponsored by the Clerk under provisions of Standing Order 119(4) from 654 petitioners, requesting the House to regulate body corporate managers
- [1658](#) Electoral Act 1992, Referendums Act 1997, State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999: Electoral and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2020, No. 215
- [1659](#) Electoral Act 1992, Referendums Act 1997, State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999: Electoral and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2020, No. 215, explanatory notes
- [1660](#) Electoral Act 1992, Referendums Act 1997, State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999: Electoral and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2020, No. 215, human rights certificate
- [1661](#) Electoral Commission Queensland—Procedure for electronic lodgement of returns (Version 2.0) [refer to subordinate legislation No. 215 of 2020]
- [1662](#) Electoral Commission Queensland—Procedure for electronically assisted voting for state elections (Version 3.0) [refer to subordinate legislation No. 215 of 2020]
- [1663](#) Electoral Commission Queensland—Procedures for counting of absentee votes for state elections and referendums (Version 1.0) [refer to subordinate legislation No. 215 of 2020]
- [1664](#) Report to the Legislative Assembly from the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Hon. D’Ath) pursuant to section 56A of the Statutory Instruments Act 1992, regarding the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities (Justice, Land and Other Matters) Regulation 2008, Associations Incorporation Regulation 1999, Body Corporate and Community Management (Accommodation Module) Regulation 2008, Body Corporate and Community Management (Commercial Module) Regulation 2008, Body Corporate and Community Management Regulation 2008, Body Corporate and Community Management (Small Schemes Module) Regulation 2008, Body Corporate and Community Management (Standard Module) Regulation 2008, Building Units and Group Titles Regulation 2008, Casino Control Regulation 1999, Charitable and Non-Profit Gaming Regulation 1999, Collections Regulation 2008, Court Funds Regulation 2009, Fair Trading (Code of Practice-Fitness Industry) Regulation 2003, Gaming Machine Regulation 2002, Information Privacy Regulation 2009, Interactive Gambling (Player Protection) Regulation 1998, Keno Regulation 2007, Liquor (Approval of Adult Entertainment Code) Regulation 2002, Liquor Regulation 2002, Lotteries Regulation 2007, Right to Information Regulation 2009, Second-hand Dealers and Pawnbrokers Regulation 2004, Security Providers (Crowd Controller Code of Practice) Regulation 2008, Security Providers Regulation 2008, Security Providers (Security Firm Code of Practice) Regulation 2008, Security Providers (Security Officer—Licensed Premises—Code of Practice) Regulation 2008, Tourism Services (Code of Conduct for Inbound Tour Operators) Regulation 2003, Tourism Services Regulation 2003, Trust Accounts Regulation 1999, Wagering Regulation 1999 and Wine Industry Regulation 2009
- [1665](#) Queensland Family and Child Commission—Annual Report 2019-20
- 23 September 2020—
- [1666](#) Auditor-General Report 4: 2020-21—Queensland Health’s new finance and supply chain management system
- [1667](#) Office of the Information Commissioner—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1668](#) Crime and Corruption Commission: Investigation Keller—An investigation into allegations relating to the former Chief of Staff to the Honourable Annastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier of Queensland and Minister for Trade, September 2020
- [1669](#) Public Trustee Act 1978: Public Trustee (Fees and Charges Notice) (No. 1) 2020
- [1670](#) Public Trustee Act 1978: Public Trustee (Fees and Charges Notice) (No. 1) 2020, explanatory notes
- [1671](#) Public Trustee Act 1978: Public Trustee (Fees and Charges Notice) (No. 1) 2020, human rights certificate
- [1672](#) Legal Aid Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20

- [1673](#) The Public Trustee—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1674](#) Electoral Commission Queensland—2020 Bundamba and Currumbin state by-elections: Report on the elections
- [1675](#) Queensland Human Rights Commission—Annual Report 2019-20
- 24 September 2020—
- [1676](#) Auditor-General Report 5: 2020-21—Responding to complaints from people with impaired capacity—Part 1: The Public Trustee of Queensland
- [1677](#) Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1678](#) Legal Practitioners Admissions Board—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1679](#) Electoral Commission Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1680](#) Queensland Ombudsman—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1681](#) Queensland Law Society—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1682](#) Professional Standards Councils—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1683](#) Professional Standards Councils—Financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020
- [1684](#) Crime and Corruption Commission Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1685](#) Department of Justice and Attorney-General—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1686](#) Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee: Report No. 33, 56th Parliament—Aged care, end-of-life and palliative care, government response
- [1687](#) Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee: Report No. 72, 56th Parliament—Subordinate legislation tabled between 20 May 2020 and 25 June 2020
- [1688](#) Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee: Report No. 73, 56th Parliament—Oversight of the Office of the Queensland Ombudsman
- [1689](#) Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee: Report No. 74, 56th Parliament—Oversight of the Office of the Information Commissioner
- [1690](#) Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee: Report No. 75, 56th Parliament—Oversight of the Queensland Family and Child Commission
- [1691](#) Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee: Report No. 76, 56th Parliament—Oversight of the Family Responsibilities Commission
- [1692](#) Parole Board Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1693](#) Queensland Corrective Services—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1694](#) Public Safety Business Agency—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1695](#) Queensland Police Service—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1696](#) Report to the Legislative Assembly from the Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services (Hon. Ryan) pursuant to section 56A of the Statutory Instruments Act 1992, regarding the State Buildings Protective Security Regulation 2008
- 25 September 2020—
- [1697](#) Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1698](#) Racing Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1699](#) Queensland Racing Integrity Commission—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1700](#) Office of the Independent Assessor—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1701](#) GasFields Commission Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1702](#) Department of Regional Development and Manufacturing—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1703](#) Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee: Report No. 41, 56th Parliament—Annual Report 2019-20, Erratum
- [1704](#) Queensland Training Ombudsman—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1705](#) Jobs Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1706](#) Department of Employment, Small Business and Training—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1707](#) Prostitution Licensing Authority—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1708](#) TAFE Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1709](#) Gold Coast Waterways Authority—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1710](#) Gladstone Ports Corporation—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1711](#) Gladstone Ports Corporation—Statement of Corporate Intent 2019-20
- [1712](#) Department of Transport and Main Roads—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1713](#) Port of Townsville—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1714](#) Port of Townsville—Statement of Corporate Intent 2019-20
- [1715](#) North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1716](#) North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation—Statement of Corporate Intent 2019-20

[1717](#) Ports North—Annual Report 2019-20

[1718](#) Ports North—Statement of Corporate Intent 2019-20

[1719](#) Queensland Rail—Annual Report 2019-20

28 September 2020—

[1720](#) Education, Employment and Small Business Committee: Report No. 38, 56th Parliament—Subordinate legislation tabled between 17 June 2020 and 15 July 2020

[1721](#) Education, Employment and Small Business Committee: Report No. 39, 56th Parliament—Consideration of Auditor-General Report 1: 2019-20—Investing in vocational education and training and Auditor-General Report 15: 2019-20—Education: 2018-19 results of financial audits

[1722](#) Office of the Inspector-General Emergency Management—Annual Report 2019-20

[1723](#) COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020, Planning Act 2016: Planning Legislation (Economic Recovery Measures and Other Matters) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 197, explanatory notes: erratum

[1724](#) Library Board of Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20

[1725](#) Newstead House Board of Trustees—Annual Report 2019-20

[1726](#) Letter, dated 28 September 2020, from the Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts, Hon. Leeanne Enoch, to the Clerk of the Parliament, Mr Neil Laurie, regarding Schedule 2 of the Commonwealth Gene Technology Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2019

[1727](#) Gene Technology Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2019, Schedule 2

[1728](#) Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships—Annual Report 2019-20

[1729](#) Queensland Art Gallery Board of Trustees—Annual Report 2019-20

[1730](#) Queensland Performing Arts Trust—Annual Report 2019-20

[1731](#) Board of the Queensland Museum—Annual Report 2019-20

29 September 2020—

[1732](#) Auditor-General Report 6: 2020-21—Awarding of sports grants

[1733](#) Annual Report of Air Warrant and Alternate Travel Expenditure by Members of the Legislative Assembly—1 July 2019-30 June 2020

[1734](#) Annual Report of General Travel Allocation Expenditure by Members of the Legislative Assembly—1 July 2019-30 June 2020

[1735](#) Annual Report of Electorate and Communication Allowance Expenditure by Members of the Legislative Assembly—1-July 2019-30 June 2020

[1736](#) Queensland Parliamentary Service—Annual Report 2019-20

[1737](#) Building and Construction Industry (Portable Long Service Leave) Authority—Annual Report 2019-20

[1738](#) Non-State Schools Accreditation Board—Annual Report 2019-20

[1739](#) Contract Cleaning Industry (Portable Long Service Leave) Authority—Annual Report 2019-20

[1740](#) Motor Accident Insurance Commission—Annual Report 2019-20

[1741](#) Department of Education—Annual Report 2019-20

[1742](#) Building Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20

[1743](#) Queensland Reconstruction Authority—Annual Report 2019-20

[1744](#) Queensland Investment Corporation Limited—Consolidated annual financial statements and directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2020

[1745](#) Queensland Investment Corporation Properties Pty Ltd—Annual financial statements and directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2020

[1746](#) Queensland Investment Corporation Private Capital Pty Ltd—Annual financial statements and directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2020

[1747](#) Queensland Treasury—Annual Report 2019-20

[1748](#) Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority—Annual Report 2019-20

[1749](#) Department of Agriculture and Fisheries—Annual Report 2019-20

[1750](#) Safe Food Production Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20

[1751](#) Cross River Rail Delivery Authority—Annual Report 2019-20

[1752](#) Darling Downs-Moreton Rabbit Board—Annual Report 2019-20

[1753](#) Department of Youth Justice—Annual Report 2019-20

[1754](#) Department of State Development, Tourism and Innovation—Annual Report 2019-20

[1755](#) Tourism and Events Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20

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[1756](#) Public Safety Business Agency—Annual Report 2019-20, erratum

[1757](#) Auditor-General Report 7: 2020-21—Delivering successful technology projects

1758	Queensland Productivity Commission—Annual Report 2019-20
1759	Queensland Investment Corporation—Annual Report 2019-20
1760	Queensland Investment Corporation—Statement of Corporate Intent Final 2019-20
1761	Queensland Treasury Corporation—Annual Report 2019-20
1762	WorkCover Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20
1763	Queensland Competition Authority—Annual Report 2019-20
1764	Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority—Annual Report 2019-20
1765	Queensland Integrity Commissioner—Annual Report 2019-20
1766	National Injury Insurance Agency Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20
1767	Queensland Fire and Emergency Services—Annual Report 2019-20
1768	South Bank Corporation—Annual Report 2019-20
1769	Department of Housing and Public Works—Annual Report 2019-20
1770	Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel—Annual Report 2019-20
1771	Office of the Governor—Annual Report 2019-20
1772	Queensland Audit Office—Annual Report 2019-20
1773	Department of Environment and Science—Annual Report 2019-20
1774	Department of Environment and Science—Financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020
1775	Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee: Report No. 34, 56th Parliament—Voluntary assisted dying, government response
1776	Public Service Commission—Annual Report 2019-20
1777	Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20
1778	Board of Architects of Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20
1779	Queensland Health—Notifiable dust lung disease register—Inaugural Annual Report 2019-20
1780	Queensland Building and Construction Commission—Annual Report 2019-20
1781	Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women—Annual Report 2019-20
1782	Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy—Annual Report 2019-20
1783	Surveyors Board Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20
1784	Valuers Registration Board of Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20
1785	Gladstone Area Water Board—Annual Report 2019-20
1786	Mount Isa Water Board—Annual Report 2019-20
1787	Seqwater—Annual Report 2019-20
1788	Seqwater—Operational Plan 2019-20
1789	Unitywater—Annual Report 2019-20
1790	Queensland Urban Utilities—Annual Report 2019-20
1791	CleanCo—Annual Report 2019-20
1792	CleanCo—Statement of Corporate Intent 2019-20
1793	Energy Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20
1794	Energy Queensland—Statement of Corporate Intent 2019-20
1795	Ergon Energy—Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2020
1796	CS Energy—Annual Report 2019-20
1797	CS Energy—Statement of Corporate Intent 2019-20
1798	Powerlink Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20
1799	Powerlink Queensland—Statement of Corporate Intent 2019-20
1800	Stanwell Corporation Limited—Annual Report 2019-20
1801	Stanwell Corporation Limited—Statement of Corporate Intent 2019-20
1802	SunWater—Annual Report 2019-20
1803	SunWater—Statement of Corporate Intent 2019-20
1804	Energy & Water Ombudsman Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20
1805	Residential Tenancies Authority—Annual Report 2019-20
1806	Community Enterprise Queensland—Annual Report 2020
1807	Department of the Premier and Cabinet—Annual Report 2019-20
1808	Trade and Investment Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20

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- [1809](#) Transport and Public Works Committee: Report No. 46, 56th Parliament—Subordinate legislation tabled between 12 August 2020 and 8 September 2020
- [1810](#) Office of the Chief Psychiatrist—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1811](#) Mental Health Court—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1812](#) Mental Health Review Tribunal—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1813](#) Stadiums Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1814](#) DBCT Holdings Pty Ltd—Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2020
- [1815](#) Brisbane Port Holdings Pty Ltd—Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2020
- [1816](#) Queensland Treasury Holdings Pty Ltd—Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2020
- [1817](#) Queensland Lottery Corporation Pty Ltd—Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2020
- [1818](#) COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020, Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Act 2003: Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Regulation 2020, No. 222
- [1819](#) COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020, Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Act 2003: Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Regulation 2020, No. 222, explanatory notes
- [1820](#) COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020, Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Act 2003: Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Regulation 2020, No. 222, human rights certificate
- [1821](#) COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020, Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008: Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 235
- [1822](#) COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020, Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008: Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 235, explanatory notes
- [1823](#) COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020, Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008: Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 235, human rights certificate
- [1824](#) COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020, Retail Shop Leases Act 1994: Retail Shop Leases and Other Commercial Leases (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 234
- [1825](#) COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020, Retail Shop Leases Act 1994: Retail Shop Leases and Other Commercial Leases (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 234, explanatory notes
- [1826](#) COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020, Retail Shop Leases Act 1994: Retail Shop Leases and Other Commercial Leases (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 234, human rights certificate
- [1827](#) Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1828](#) Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1829](#) Queensland Law Reform Commission—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1830](#) Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee: Report No. 77, 56th Parliament—Subordinate legislation tabled between 26 June 2020 and 14 July 2020
- [1831](#) Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee: Report No. 78, 56th Parliament—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1832](#) Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee: Report No. 79, 56th Parliament—Consideration of Auditor-General Report 21: 2018-19—Delivering forensic services
- [1833](#) Letter, dated 20 August 2020, from the Chair, Screen Queensland Pty Ltd, Ms Linda Lavarch, to the Premier and Minister for Trade, Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk, regarding the financial statement for Screen Queensland Pty Ltd
- [1834](#) Screen Queensland Pty Ltd—Financial Report 2019-20

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- [1835](#) Business Committee—Annual Report 2019-20
- [1836](#) Ethics Committee: Report No. 203—Matter of privilege referred by the Transport and Public Works Committee on 12 August 2020 relating to alleged unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings
- [1837](#) Ethics Committee: Report No. 204—Matter of privilege referred by the Speaker on 15 April 2020 relating to an alleged failure to declare a conflict of interest in committee proceedings in accordance with Standing Order 261
- [1838](#) City of Brisbane Act 2010, Local Government Act 2009: Local Government Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2020, No. 244
- [1839](#) City of Brisbane Act 2010, Local Government Act 2009: Local Government Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2020, No. 244, explanatory notes
- [1840](#) City of Brisbane Act 2010, Local Government Act 2009: Local Government Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2020, No. 244, human rights certificate
- [1841](#) COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020, Family Responsibilities Commission Act 2008: Family Responsibilities Commission (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Regulation 2020, No. 246
- [1842](#) COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020, Family Responsibilities Commission Act 2008: Family Responsibilities Commission (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Regulation 2020, No. 246, explanatory notes

- [1843](#) COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020, Family Responsibilities Commission Act 2008: Family Responsibilities Commission (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Regulation 2020, No. 246, human rights certificate
- [1844](#) Racing Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20: Erratum
- [1845](#) Report to the Legislative Assembly from the Minister for Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (Hon. Crawford) pursuant to section 56A of the Statutory Instruments Act 1992, regarding the Building Fire Safety Regulation 2008
- [1846](#) Response from the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (Hon. Dr Lynham), to an ePetition (3374-20) sponsored by the Clerk under provisions of Standing Order 119(4) from 1,826 petitioners requesting the House to not allow the extension of the footprint of Queensland Air Museum into Lot 687 containing the Isabel Jordan Bushland Reserve and Lot 340
- [1847](#) Response from the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (Hon. Dr Lynham), to a paper petition (3420-20) presented by the member for Currumbin, Mrs Gerber, and an ePetition (3379-20) sponsored by the member for Currumbin, Mrs Gerber, from 365 and 421 petitioners respectively, requesting the House to designate Kirra as its own suburb in the state of Queensland
- [1848](#) Queensland Government: Final progress report, dated September 2020, titled 'Implementing the Queensland Anti-Cyberbullying Taskforce Report'
- [1849](#) Queensland Government: Second annual progress report, dated December 2019, titled 'Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse'
- [1850](#) Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997, Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980, Collections Act 1966, COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020, Liquor Act 1992, Tourism Services Act 2003: Justice Legislation (COVID-19 Emergency Response—Community Titles Schemes and Other Matters) Regulation 2020, No. 250
- [1851](#) Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997, Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980, Collections Act 1966, COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020, Liquor Act 1992, Tourism Services Act 2003: Justice Legislation (COVID-19 Emergency Response—Community Titles Schemes and Other Matters) Regulation 2020, No. 250, explanatory notes
- [1852](#) Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997, Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980, Collections Act 1966, COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020, Liquor Act 1992, Tourism Services Act 2003: Justice Legislation (COVID-19 Emergency Response—Community Titles Schemes and Other Matters) Regulation 2020, No. 250, human rights certificate
- [1853](#) Response from the Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries (Hon. Furner), to an ePetition (3353-20) sponsored by the Clerk under provisions of Standing Order 119(4) from 1,038 petitioners, requesting the House to review and strengthen the legislation to stop 'puppy farming'

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- [1854](#) Response from the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (Hon. Dr Lynham), to an ePetition (3394-20) sponsored by the member for Mirani, Mr Andrew, from 588 petitioners, requesting the House to bring legislation on hydrocarbon use in line with every other Australian state and territory

PAPERS TABLED PRIOR TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE 57TH PARLIAMENT (SO 31 AND S 59A OF THE PARLIAMENT OF QUEENSLAND ACT 2001)

The Clerk informed the House that the following papers, received after the dissolution of the 56th Parliament on 6 October 2020, and before the constitution of the 57th Parliament on 24 November 2020 were tabled in accordance with s 59A of the Parliament of Queensland Act 2001 and Standing Order 31, on the dates indicated—

7 October 2020—

- [1](#) Interim response from the Minister for Child Safety, Youth and Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence (Hon. Farmer), to an ePetition (3351-20) sponsored by the member for Maiwar, Mr Berkman, from 791 petitioners, requesting the House to create a law that requires 50 per cent of statues, pictures and plaques in public places in Queensland to depict real women
- [2](#) Interim response from the Minister for Child Safety, Youth and Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence (Hon. Farmer), to an ePetition (3384-20) sponsored by the member for Mudgeeraba, Ms Bates, from 590 petitioners, requesting the House to adopt the LNP's Child Protection Force

8 October 2020—

- [3](#) Interim response from the Minister for State Development, Tourism and Innovation (Hon. Jones), to a paper petition (3416-20) presented by the Clerk under provisions of Standing Order 119(3) and an ePetition (3383-20) sponsored by the Clerk under provisions of Standing Order 119(4) from 173 and 1,337 petitioners respectively, requesting the House to recall the proposed incinerator coordinated project in Ipswich and reject any further applications for incinerators within city limits of Ipswich
- [4](#) Interim response from the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Hon. Hinchliffe), to an ePetition (3401-20) sponsored by the Clerk under provisions of Standing Order 119(4) from 402 petitioners, requesting the House to appoint a Financial Controller to the Cassowary Coast Regional Council or appoint an Interim Administrator to ensure the council carries out its responsibilities in compliance with the relevant legislation
- [5](#) Transport and Public Works Committee: Report No. 41, 56th Parliament—Inquiry into Transport Technology, interim government response
- [6](#) Interim response from the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (Hon. Dr Miles), to a paper petition (3414-20) presented by the member for Nanango, Mrs Frecklington, and an ePetition (3360-20) sponsored by the member for Nanango, Mrs Frecklington, from 1,128 and 411 petitioners respectively, requesting the House to appoint a Specialist Cancer Nurse role to the South Burnett

- [7](#) Interim response from the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (Hon. Dr Miles), to an ePetition (3375-20) sponsored by the Clerk under provisions of Standing Order 119(4) from 1,579 petitioners, requesting the House to no longer refer to Queensland as the low tax state whilst hospital patients are forced to pay exorbitant car park fees whilst attending appointments at public hospitals and using government owned car parks
- [8](#) Interim response from the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (Hon. Dr Miles), to an ePetition (3404-20) sponsored by the Clerk under provisions of Standing Order 119(4) from 491 petitioners, requesting the House to properly legislate for aged care and seniors providers to design accommodation to a standard and to ensure staffing levels and training is capable of offering greater health protection and care during virus pandemics
- [9](#) Interim response from the Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts (Hon. Enoch), to a paper petition (3415-20) presented by the member for Burnett, Mr Bennett, and an ePetition (3344-20) sponsored by the member for Burnett, Mr Bennett, from 142 and 2,796 petitioners respectively, requesting the House to revoke the Environmental Protection (Great Barrier Reef Protection Measures) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2019 and establish an Office of Science Quality Assurance to check the science being used to make political decisions
- [10](#) Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council—Annual Report 2019-20, Erratum
- [11](#) Interim response from the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Hon. Bailey), to an ePetition (3307-20) sponsored by the Clerk under provisions of Standing Order 119(4) from 1,245 petitioners, requesting the House to seek an alternative to the proposed service road at exit 92 Palm Beach and preserve this valuable environmental space for our community
- [12](#) Interim response from the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Hon. Bailey), to an ePetition (3354-20) sponsored by the Clerk under provisions of Standing Order 119(4) from 105 petitioners, requesting the House to close the eastern end access to Lord Lane, and open the western end for access to the D'Aguilar Highway, Moodlu
- [13](#) Interim response from the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Hon. Bailey), to an ePetition (3361-20) sponsored by the Clerk under provisions of Standing Order 119(4) from 182 petitioners, requesting the House to build new entry and exit ramps at Dohles Rocks Road, Murrumba
- [14](#) Interim response from the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Hon. Bailey), to an ePetition (3377-20) sponsored by the member for Mirani, Mr Andrew, from 151 petitioners, requesting the House to provide a compliant public transport service to meet the needs of the residents of Ipswich's western suburbs
- [15](#) Interim response from the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Hon. Bailey), to an ePetition (3387-20) sponsored by the member for Oodgeroo, Dr Robinson, from 280 petitioners, requesting the House to widen the road at a particularly dangerous section of East Road, North Stradbroke Island
- [16](#) Interim response from the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Hon. Bailey), to an ePetition (3398-20) sponsored by the Clerk under provisions of Standing Order 119(4) from 697 petitioners, requesting the House to create an acceleration lane turning left from Grays Road into Eumundi-Noosa Road, a turning lane left into Grays Road and to extend the 60 km zone from the United Petrol Station, to Beddington or Duke Road at Doonan
- [17](#) Interim response from the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Hon. Bailey), to a paper petition (3418-20) presented by the member for Clayfield, Mr Nicholls, from 16 petitioners, requesting the House to remove all parking on Junction Road west of Keith Street to Dawson Street to allow residents to safely enter Junction Road, Clayfield
- [18](#) Interim response from the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Hon. Bailey), to a paper petition (3419-20) presented by the member for Scenic Rim, Mr Krause, from 163 petitioners, requesting the House to upgrade Boonah-Rathdowney Road, in particular to double lanes from Musgrave Bridge to Maroon
- [19](#) Interim response from the Premier and Minister for Trade (Hon. Palaszczuk), to an ePetition (3380-20) sponsored by the Clerk under provisions of Standing Order 119(4) from 329 petitioners, requesting the House to ensure that religious organisations preaching that a supreme being created the Earth about 6000 years ago not receive any State government assistance, exemptions, subsidies or funding
- [20](#) Interim response from the Premier and Minister for Trade (Hon. Palaszczuk), to a paper petition (3412-20) presented by the member for Cooper, Hon. Jones, from 352 petitioners, requesting the House to urge News Corporation to continue to publish the Sunshine Coast Daily in a paper format or sell the paper to a local consortium who will continue its publication
- [21](#) Interim response from the Premier and Minister for Trade (Hon. Palaszczuk), to a paper petition (3413-20) presented by the Clerk under provisions of Standing Order 119(3) from 775 petitioners, requesting the House to consider the installation of Diamantinasaurus matildae as the Queensland State Fossil

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- [22](#) Interim response from the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (Hon. Dr Miles), to an ePetition (3400-20) sponsored by the member for Cairns, Mr Healy, from 1,205 petitioners, requesting the House to commit to the Cairns University Hospital project and to build the Cairns Health Innovation Precinct within 2022-25

16 October 2020—

- [23](#) Interim response from the Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services (Hon. Ryan), to an ePetition (3385-20) sponsored by the member for Broadwater, Mr Crisafulli, from 850 petitioners, requesting the House to relocate the Broadwater Police Beat resources from the Coomera Police District to the Runaway Bay Police District and increase the permanent police staffing allocation for the Northern Gold Coast
- [24](#) Interim response from the Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services (Hon. Ryan), to an ePetition (3388-20) sponsored by the member for Hinchinbrook, Mr Dametto, from 787 petitioners, requesting the House to accept the recommendation of the Queensland Ombudsman and add Senior Sergeant Michael Isles to the Police Honour Roll and to enable consideration on merit of other serving police officers whose loss of life can be attributed to suicide being added to the Police Honour Roll

- [25](#) Interim response from the Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services (Hon. Ryan), to an ePetition (3397-20) sponsored by the Clerk under provisions of Standing Order 119(4) from 317 petitioners, requesting the House to follow up and make public the results of the investigation into an accident that occurred in Townsville on Thursday 30 January 2020 at 7.45 am in which a motorcycle rider was killed
- 20 October 2020—
- [26](#) Ruling by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Hon. Curtis Pitt—Unparliamentary conduct, behaviour on the floor
- [27](#) Ruling by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Hon. Curtis Pitt—Unparliamentary language
- 23 October 2020—
- [28](#) Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal: Minor amendment to Determination 20/2020, Determination 22/2020, 23 October 2020
- 29 October 2020—
- [29](#) Transport and Public Works Committee: Report No. 42, 56th Parliament—Inquiry into Motor Recreational Activities, interim government response
- 3 November 2020—
- [30](#) Queensland's Category 2 Water Authorities—Annual Report 2019-20, Consolidated report
- [31](#) Queensland's River Improvement Trusts—Annual Report 2019-20, Consolidated report
- [32](#) Dumaresq-Barwon Border Rivers Commission—Annual Report 2019-20
- 10 November 2020—
- [33](#) Natural Resources, Agricultural Industry Development and Environment Committee: Report No. 8, 56th Parliament—Waste Reduction and Recycling (Plastic Items) Amendment Bill 2020, government response
- 11 November 2020—
- [34](#) State Development, Tourism, Innovation and Manufacturing Committee: Report No. 3, 56th Parliament—Nature Conservation and Other Legislation (Indigenous Joint Management—Moreton Island) Amendment Bill 2020, government response
- 13 November 2020—
- [35](#) Land Court of Queensland—Annual Report 2019-20
- [36](#) Land Tribunal—Annual Report 2019-20
- [37](#) Legal Services Commission—Annual Report 2019-20
- 18 November 2020—
- [38](#) Report to the Legislative Assembly from the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Hon. Bailey) pursuant to section 56A of the Statutory Instruments Act 1992, regarding the Tow Truck Regulation 2009
- 19 November 2020—
- [39](#) National Heavy Vehicle Regulator—Annual Report 2019-20
- [40](#) Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator—Annual Report 2019-20
- TABLING OF DOCUMENTS (SO 32) TO BE TABLED ON 26 NOVEMBER 2020
- STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
- The following statutory instruments were tabled by the Clerk, received during the recess—
- Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011:
- [45](#) Hospital and Health Boards (Information Sharing—Parole Board Queensland) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 190
- [46](#) Hospital and Health Boards (Information Sharing—Parole Board Queensland) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 190, explanatory notes
- [47](#) Hospital and Health Boards (Information Sharing—Parole Board Queensland) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 190, human rights certificate
- Human Rights Act 2019:
- [48](#) Human Rights Regulation 2020, No. 191
- [49](#) Human Rights Regulation 2020, No. 191, explanatory notes
- [50](#) Human Rights Regulation 2020, No. 191, human rights certificate
- Liquor Act 1992:
- [51](#) Liquor (Closed-circuit Television Equipment) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 192
- [52](#) Liquor (Closed-circuit Television Equipment) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 192, explanatory notes
- [53](#) Liquor (Closed-circuit Television Equipment) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 192, human rights certificate

Transport and Other Legislation (Road Safety, Technology and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2020:

- [54](#) Proclamation commencing certain provisions, No. 193
- [55](#) Proclamation commencing certain provisions, No. 193, explanatory notes
- [56](#) Proclamation commencing certain provisions, No. 193, human rights certificate

Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994:

- [57](#) Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2020, No. 194
- [58](#) Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2020, No. 194, explanatory notes
- [59](#) Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2020, No. 194, human rights certificate

Forestry Act 1959, Nature Conservation Act 1992:

- [60](#) Forestry and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 195
- [61](#) Forestry and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 195, explanatory notes
- [62](#) Forestry and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 195, human rights certificate

Fisheries Act 1994:

- [63](#) Fisheries (Saucer Scallops) Amendment Declaration 2020, No. 196
- [64](#) Fisheries (Saucer Scallops) Amendment Declaration 2020, No. 196, explanatory notes
- [65](#) Fisheries (Saucer Scallops) Amendment Declaration 2020, No. 196, human rights certificate

Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994:

- [66](#) Rural and Regional Adjustment (COVID-19 Daintree Area Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 198
- [67](#) Rural and Regional Adjustment (COVID-19 Daintree Area Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 198, explanatory notes
- [68](#) Rural and Regional Adjustment (COVID-19 Daintree Area Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 198, human rights certificate

Health Transparency Act 2019:

- [69](#) Health Transparency (Postponement) Regulation 2020, No. 199
- [70](#) Health Transparency (Postponement) Regulation 2020, No. 199, explanatory notes
- [71](#) Health Transparency (Postponement) Regulation 2020, No. 199, human rights certificate

Health Legislation Amendment Act 2020:

- [72](#) Proclamation commencing certain provisions, No. 200
- [73](#) Proclamation commencing certain provisions, No. 200, explanatory notes
- [74](#) Proclamation commencing certain provisions, No. 200, human rights certificate

Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011:

- [75](#) Hospital and Health Boards (Prescribed Health Practitioners) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 201
- [76](#) Hospital and Health Boards (Prescribed Health Practitioners) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 201, explanatory notes
- [77](#) Hospital and Health Boards (Prescribed Health Practitioners) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 201, human rights certificate

Forest Wind Farm Development Act 2020:

- [78](#) Proclamation commencing remaining provisions, No. 202
- [79](#) Proclamation commencing remaining provisions, No. 202, explanatory notes

State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999, Transport Infrastructure Act 1994:

- [80](#) Transport Infrastructure (State-controlled Roads) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 203
- [81](#) Transport Infrastructure (State-controlled Roads) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 203, explanatory notes
- [82](#) Transport Infrastructure (State-controlled Roads) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 203, human rights certificate

Water Act 2000:

- [83](#) Water Plan (Burdekin Basin) (Applications for Water Licences) Amendment Plan 2020, No. 204
- [84](#) Water Plan (Burdekin Basin) (Applications for Water Licences) Amendment Plan 2020, No. 204, explanatory notes
- [85](#) Water Plan (Burdekin Basin) (Applications for Water Licences) Amendment Plan 2020, No. 204, human rights certificate

Land, Explosives and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2019:

- [86](#) Proclamation commencing remaining provisions, No. 205
- [87](#) Proclamation commencing remaining provisions, No. 205, explanatory notes

Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004:

- [88](#) Petroleum and Gas (Safety) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2020, No. 206
- [89](#) Petroleum and Gas (Safety) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2020, No. 206, explanatory notes
- [90](#) Petroleum and Gas (Safety) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2020, No. 206, human rights certificate

Mineral Resources Act 1989:

- [91](#) Mineral Resources (Reporting Requirements) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 207
- [92](#) Mineral Resources (Reporting Requirements) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 207, explanatory notes
- [93](#) Mineral Resources (Reporting Requirements) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 207, human rights certificate

Petroleum Act 1923, Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004:

- [94](#) Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) (Reporting Requirements) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 208
- [95](#) Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) (Reporting Requirements) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 208, explanatory notes
- [96](#) Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) (Reporting Requirements) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 208, human rights certificate

Building Act 1975:

- [97](#) Building (Professional Indemnity Insurance) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 209
- [98](#) Building (Professional Indemnity Insurance) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 209, explanatory notes
- [99](#) Building (Professional Indemnity Insurance) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 209, human rights certificate

Biodiscovery and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2020:

- [100](#) Proclamation commencing remaining provisions, No. 210
- [101](#) Proclamation commencing remaining provisions, No. 210, explanatory notes

Police Service Administration Act 1990, Weapons Act 1990:

- [102](#) Police Service Administration and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 211
- [103](#) Police Service Administration and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 211, explanatory notes
- [104](#) Police Service Administration and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 211, human rights certificate

Corrective Services and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2020:

- [105](#) Proclamation commencing certain provisions, No. 212
- [106](#) Proclamation commencing certain provisions, No. 212, explanatory notes
- [107](#) Proclamation commencing certain provisions, No. 212, human rights certificate

Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994:

- [108](#) Rural and Regional Adjustment (Changes to Vessel Tracking Rebate Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2020, No. 213
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PAPER TABLED BY THE CLERK

The following paper, received on the date indicated after the dissolution of the 56th Parliament on 6 October 2020 and before the constitution of the 57th Parliament on 24 November 2020, was tabled by the Clerk—

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The following reports were tabled by the Clerk—

[214](#) Report pursuant to Standing Order 169 (Acts to be numbered by the Clerk) and 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—

Criminal Code (Child Sexual Offences Reform) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

Amendments made to Bill

Short title and consequential references to short title—

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'Criminal Code (Child Sexual Offences Reform) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019'

Insert—

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Palaszczuk Labor Government, Election



Hon. A PALASZCZUK (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.42 am): Mr Speaker, I congratulate you once again for being re-elected to the high office of Speaker. It is a tremendous honour to be back in this place to serve the people of Queensland, whom I sincerely thank. I am deeply grateful that they have again placed their trust in us for another term. In our team of 52, 44 members are returning and I welcome eight new members of my government: the members for Bundaberg, Caloundra, Cooper, Hervey Bay, Mundingburra, Nicklin, Stafford and Pumicestone. An important point to note is that, for the first time, three First Nation people have been sworn in at the same time: the members for Algeester, Cook and Bundamba.

Since we last met, Queensland has enjoyed some great success. The Queensland women's Rugby League team won the State of Origin for the first time and the men reclaimed the crown, which I predict they will not relinquish anytime soon; the Melbourne Storm, an honorary Queensland team that was based on the Sunshine Coast, won the NRL grand final; and, of course, the Gabba hosted the AFL grand final, which was won by Richmond. We were pleased to help out Victoria in its time of need.

Looking forward, we made more than 1,000 election commitments. Work on them has started already. These commitments are about growing the economy. They will support 50,000 jobs. They are about health, education, skills and training, the environment, manufacturing, roads, rail, infrastructure, farming and resources. They are about regional growth. Fundamentally, they are about continuing the job we have been doing all year: safeguarding the health and wellbeing of Queenslanders and the Queensland economic recovery during COVID and preparing for life after COVID.


There are over 6,100 more teachers, almost 9,500 more Health staff and over 2,000 more police. Investment will continue in Works for Queensland and Skilling Queenslanders for Work. Regional manufacturing will be revitalised. Schools and TAFE campuses around the state will be upgraded and modernised and free TAFE extended to under-25s. Bruce Highway upgrades will continue, and work will start on the second M1. New environmental programs will further protect and enhance our great Great Barrier Reef. Water charges will be cut for primary producers, we will build satellite hospitals, we will support students' mental health and we will invest \$170 million in palliative care.

When it comes to our legislative agenda, that begins of course with next week's budget being handed down by the Treasurer. We will also amend the Criminal Code in relation to consent and mistake of fact and coercive control. We will strengthen tobacco retail provisions to reduce supply. We will legislate for the final protections for the world surfing reserve from Burleigh Heads to Snapper Rocks.

In addition, Mr Speaker—I am quite sure you will be delighted with this as well—we have decided, as His Excellency mentioned yesterday, to hold the next regional parliamentary sitting in Cairns. May I add that it will be held in the new, revitalised Cairns Convention Centre, upgraded under my government. We look forward to the planning of that.

The story of this year has been a collective effort. We made it through the worst of the pandemic because of five million Queenslanders whose courage and resilience inspires me each and every day. Going forward, meeting more than a thousand election commitments is a task we happily accept. To sum it up, 2020 and the next four years will not just be about the crisis we faced but also about the way we came out of it: Queenslanders working together for a stronger state where our best days are ahead of us.

Coronavirus, Update

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.47 am): I also have some great news for Queensland: we have had no new COVID cases overnight. Some 5,216 people were tested in the past 24 hours. That shows us how dedicated Queenslanders are to keeping the virus under control. When this House met for the first time this year, we had not even heard of the word 'COVID'. Queensland had just two cases of coronavirus, both recent arrivals from Wuhan. Back then I said that our priority was to contain this virus and then lead the recovery. That is exactly what this government has done. It has been 302 days since the first case. On every one of those 302 days, Queensland has been in the fight of its life. It has affected us all. Families have been kept apart, often at times when they needed each other the most, but I am absolutely certain that those sacrifices have saved lives. Our aged-care facilities have been protected. We only have to look at what is happening around the world, with the tragedy of many people losing their lives. I cannot be more proud of the work that all of Queensland has done in protecting and saving lives. It has allowed our businesses to be open when others around the world are shut. Our children can go to school, their parents can go to work and we can all go to a day at the beach or even to the pub—even to the State of Origin, where the so-called 'worst team ever' produced the best victory ever. All of this was achieved because of the tremendous efforts of every single Queenslanders.

Long ago I made a commitment to always follow the health advice. I publicly thank Dr Young for her outstanding efforts in advising the government. I thank the former health minister, and I look forward to working closely with the new health minister as we continue to tackle the COVID pandemic. I am pleased to say that at the end of this month we are able to end those border restrictions. Of course, we will look at South Australia at that time.


Tourism operators have reported a 250 per cent increase in business and airlines are flying again. The economic uplift is estimated to be worth \$20 million a day. Our southern neighbours have successfully contained recent outbreaks. It is our hope that when future outbreaks occur they can be stopped quickly and any restrictions can be limited to those hotspots rather than applied to entire cities or states. Coincidentally, today is the holiday of Thanksgiving. It is celebrated in Canada, Brazil, the United States and even Norfolk Island. Because of everyone's hard work Queensland ends this year with more to hope for than to fear, and for that we should be truly thankful.

Mr SPEAKER: Before calling the Deputy Premier, I wish to acknowledge that we have former Speaker Tony McGrady in the gallery.

Honourable members: Hear, hear!

Mr SPEAKER: Welcome, Mr Speaker.

Coronavirus, Economy

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning) (9.50 am): Our Premier's strong leadership has kept Queenslanders safe and we have avoided the devastating scenes now seen overseas. As the rest of the world fights against second and third waves of COVID-19, Queenslanders are settling in to the new normal. Queenslanders listened to the health advice and made many personal sacrifices in order to keep themselves and their neighbours safe. In the last term of government I was honoured to be Queensland's health minister. Queensland Health is filled with the most dedicated and inspiring people. It has been an honour to work alongside them.

Now, with restrictions having eased and our borders reopening, our eyes are fixed firmly on Queensland's recovery and it is the Palaszczuk government's vision that we emerge from this global pandemic stronger and more resilient than ever. Our economic recovery plan will invest in frontline


services. We will seize future opportunities. We will grow the economy, create secure jobs and build a stronger Queensland. We are delivering more than \$8 billion in initiatives designed to drive economic growth and protect Queensland jobs. From targeted support for small businesses to relief for households and strategic plans for the future of Queensland's economy, that investment is supporting 55,000 local jobs.

As Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, I look forward to working with all of our ministers to drive Queensland's economic recovery. By focusing on the growth industries of aerospace, biofutures, biomedical, defence and mining equipment and technology services, we are empowering them to deliver thousands more jobs. Queensland can and will be world leaders in new and innovative technologies and secure the jobs that come with being frontrunners in emerging industries. When government works together with business we can achieve great things and everyday Queenslanders get the benefits.

World aviation giant Boeing is one great example. The Palaszczuk government worked hard to attract Boeing to Queensland and now its biggest headquarters outside the United States are here in Queensland. Boeing's presence in Queensland has expanded to 1,700 staff across four locations in Townsville, Brisbane, Amberley and Oakey. The Queensland government and Boeing working together have created good, secure, well-paying jobs for Queenslanders. The flow-on benefits support more than 400 Queensland based suppliers.

I am pleased to inform the House that, thanks to the efforts of our government, Boeing's presence will be further expanded to bring the manufacturing and testing of unmanned defence aircraft to Queensland. This will be the first military aircraft to be designed, engineered and manufactured in Australia in more than 50 years. The aircraft will be tested at a new world-leading test range in Cloncurry supported by a \$14.5 million investment by the Queensland government. There is a long way to go on Queensland's path to economic recovery, but Queenslanders can rest assured that we will be fighting to create and support every single job we can.

Budget

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Investment) (9.53 am): On Saturday, 31 October the Palaszczuk Labor government sought a mandate from the people of Queensland in two key areas: first, to continue our strong COVID-19 health response, including strong border controls; and, second, to deliver our plan for economic recovery. Thanks to the leadership of our Premier, the people of Queensland granted us that mandate to deliver our Unite and Recover economic recovery plan. On Tuesday, 1 December we will begin the next phase of our economic recovery with the 2020 budget. There will be no surprises in the budget, because if honourable members want to know what is in the budget they only need look at our Unite and Recover economic recovery plan and our election promises.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DICK: It would seem that some people are not aware of our Unite and Recover economic recovery plan.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DICK: I table a copy of the Unite and Recover economic recovery plan for the benefit of all honourable members.

Tabled paper: Queensland government, Unite & Recover report titled 'Queensland's Economic Recovery Plan: Protecting our health, Creating jobs, Working Together' [238].

That means that the 2020-21 state budget occupies the rare position of having been endorsed by the people of Queensland before it is endorsed by their parliament. This budget will deliver on the Palaszczuk Labor government's clearly defined priorities: safeguarding Queenslanders' health, supporting jobs, backing small business, making it for Queensland by supporting Queensland manufacturers, building Queensland's infrastructure, growing our regions, investing in skills, backing frontline services and protecting our precious environment. But more than anything else, the state budget has a single overarching objective—creating more Queensland jobs. As we announced before and during the campaign, there will be further borrowings in the budget. There will be borrowings to fund the deficit and there will be borrowings to fund our election commitments, but we make no apologies for delivering on what we promised the people of Queensland—commitments that will benefit every Queenslanders.

Our government will improve community safety by employing an additional 2,025 extra police personnel by 2025, and the budget will start delivering on this promise. In Townsville we will deliver on our promise to commit \$10 million to Drive It NQ and invest in the transport infrastructure at the neighbouring Lansdown industrial precinct. In Mackay \$10 million will help deliver the Harrup Park redevelopment. In Rockhampton \$18.2 million will see a new cardiac hybrid theatre constructed. On the Sunshine Coast there is \$20 million for the Sunshine Coast Stadium.

Ms Palaszczuk: Hear, hear!

Mr DICK: There is \$1.6 million in additional funding to implement our agreement for CopperString 2.0, powering the—


Mr Bleijie: I announced it first.

Ms Palaszczuk: We're paying for it. We're delivering it.

Mr DICK: I take the interjection from the Premier: we are delivering on the Sunshine Coast Stadium. There is \$1.6 million in additional funding to implement our agreement for CopperString 2.0, powering the further development of the North West Minerals Province. In Cairns there is \$30 million for the Cairns Marine Precinct. On the Gold Coast \$755 million will make the Coomera Connector—the second M1—a reality. For the Wide Bay we will start delivering our \$1 billion commitment to make trains in Queensland again.

Our budget will also show how Queensland is weathering the economic storm better than the rest of Australia because of our health response. Retail sales rebounded by 8.9 per cent in the September quarter to be 11 per cent higher than the same period in 2019. Dwelling approvals rose 11.6 per cent in the September quarter, higher than pre COVID levels. New loan commitments for owner-occupiers surged to their highest levels in 18 years, up almost 79 per cent for first home buyers, and the ABS labour force data for October showed that Queensland is the first state in Australia to put back every job lost since COVID restrictions started in March. Our budget will demonstrate that our balance sheet is stronger than that of our competitors and our finances are in better shape because of the fiscal strategy of the Palaszczuk Labor government. Just as the Premier stayed strong and resolute on the border, she stayed strong and resolute on our assets and Queensland's 2020-21 budget will show our state will benefit from those decisions for many years to come.

Health System

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (9.59 am): It is a huge honour to be appointed as the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services. I acknowledge the incredible work of the previous minister for health and ambulance services, the Deputy Premier, and what he did to help lead this state through COVID with Dr Young and the Premier.

Since being appointed in this role just two weeks ago I have met with some of Queensland's best and brightest frontline clinicians and paramedics, along with other incredible health workers, who make our health system one of the world's best. Last Friday I officially opened the new Blackall Hospital, a brand new \$19.6 million facility delivering state-of-the-art primary and emergency care, along with GP services, in a great win for central west residents.


I also visited the Sunshine Coast University Hospital and checked out its new brachytherapy centre and had a lovely chat with one of its first patients, Jean, who is benefiting from a much less invasive form of radiation treatment being delivered through this new service. I have already met many of the chairs of the hospital and health boards and look forward to working with them during this parliamentary term. I have been privileged to launch a new neonatal NeoRESQ vehicle at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital and congratulate the organisation Running for Premature Babies foundation. I also have met with hardworking paramedics at the Queensland Ambulance Service's state operations centre.

It is because of these dedicated people in Queensland that we have been able to deliver a COVID pandemic response that is the envy of the world. Today yet again Queensland is celebrating another day of zero coronavirus cases, bringing us to 72 days without any community transmission in this state. As a result, Queensland's borders with New South Wales and Victoria will now open on 1 December without the need to quarantine. This is great news for our economy, for jobs, for the tourism industry and for family reunions.

We continue to monitor the situation in South Australia. We do not want to keep the border to Adelaide closed any longer than is necessary but because of its hotspots and continuing cases we do need to be vigilant. With respect to Adelaide, the Chief Health Officer has to take multiple factors into

account, including testing rates, sewage testing, epidemiological evidence, contact tracing and whether cases are linked or unlinked. Our world-leading COVID response is made possible by the exceptional efforts of Queenslanders—and we once again say thank you—and our Chief Health Officer, whose advice we will continue to follow.

Education System

 **Hon. G GRACE** (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (10.02 am): It is great to be back! At last month's election Queenslanders gave their clear endorsement for the work the Palaszczuk government has done in our education system. Of course, there is always more to be done. As a government we remain committed to ensuring every Queensland child and every young person has access to a world-class education that nurtures a lifelong passion for learning and enhances their wellbeing. We are building quality infrastructure for Queensland's growing communities, including nine new schools over the next three years.


Over the next four years we will deliver on more than 400 commitments made during the election to meet the needs of every Queensland school community. We are boosting our record investment in school infrastructure by an additional \$1 billion over four years to deliver the largest ever portfolio of construction and improvement works in Queensland's history. This will include new school halls, performing arts centres and classrooms for the growing student population; planning for new schools in growth areas; upgrades of essential school infrastructure such as tuckshops, amenity blocks and playgrounds; improved access for students with disability through a range of projects aimed at making sure every school is an inclusive school; and new funding for capital works in non-state schools.

Our Local Schools, Local Jobs initiative will make sure every student has the skills for jobs of the future. This initiative will provide \$45 million to build and upgrade training facilities in state schools across Queensland, equipping secondary students with the skills they need to secure their future. Importantly, this will give students the skills they need to grow their careers in the industries that are critical to their local community, whether that be train manufacturing in Maryborough, aquaculture in Rockhampton, hydrogen in Gladstone or aviation in Hendra.

Our teachers and teacher aides are the foundation of our world-class education system and responding to growth and demand in state schools continues to be a priority for the Palaszczuk government. More than 6,190 new teachers and 1,135 new teacher aides will be employed in state schools across Queensland over the next four years. To make sure we have a pipeline of quality teaching candidates, we will support aspiring teachers to complete their teaching qualification by investing \$20 million in the new Turn to Teaching internship program.

This government also understands the pressures and challenges facing our students, particularly since the COVID-19 health pandemic. We have committed to a \$100 million plan to support student wellbeing that includes employing additional health and wellbeing professionals in state schools and a pilot of general practitioners in 20 state schools. Queenslanders overwhelmingly endorsed the Palaszczuk government providing a world-class education in our great state for the next generation over the past five years and we are committed to continue to do so for four more years.

Road and Transport Infrastructure

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (10.05 am): It is an honour to again serve as the Minister for Transport and Main Roads as part of a re-elected Palaszczuk government charged with delivering Queensland's plan for economic recovery. Queenslanders backed our Premier, our record and our vision for the Sunshine State. In the last month we have seen Queensland take big strides in the face of this global virus. Our borders are reopening because we have kept Queenslanders safe and construction on our major infrastructure projects is moving from strength to strength, including at the Townsville port where the city's tallest structure is set to arrive tomorrow: a new \$30 million ship-to-shore crane to supercharge our freight industry in North Queensland.

The Palaszczuk government knows transport and roads are vital to jobs and economic growth. That is why we have delivered a record investment in projects like the Toowoomba bypass, M1 upgrades, the Mackay Ring Road, Peninsula Developmental Road upgrades and a real \$12.6 billion jointly and fully funded Bruce Highway plan with major works underway up and down the spine of Queensland. It is why we have worked collaboratively with the federal government to lock in \$4.8 billion in new and accelerated road and transport funding since last November. It means thousands of secure jobs for Queenslanders. It means improving productivity for our economy and better safety for those

travelling across our state. Over the next four years Queenslanders will see major projects like the \$1 billion Gympie bypass, the \$480 million Bruce Highway upgrade from Edmonton to Gordonvale and close to \$2 billion in M1 upgrades completed.

Mr Harper: And Riverway Drive!

Mr BAILEY: And Riverway Drive. I thank the member for Thuringowa. Riverway Drive stage 2 comes. Our \$1.5 billion second M1, a 16.1-kilometre alternative corridor from the AFL stadium at Carrara to the marine precinct in Coomera, will start next year. The Gold Coast's iconic blue and yellow trams will make their way to Burleigh Heads with our \$709 million third stage of the light rail underway.

We will also see 662 local jobs come online with the six-laning of the Bruce Highway between Caboolture and the Sunshine Coast and more than 800 with the \$1 billion Rocky ring-road. We will boost the inland freight route from Charters Towers to the New South Wales border, improving efficiency for our freight industry and taking heavy vehicles off the Bruce Highway and increasing safety. We are also building Queensland's largest rail project, the \$5.4 billion Cross River Rail, and Queensland trains will be built by Queenslanders in Maryborough. We have committed a \$1 billion rail manufacturing pipeline to lock in long-term stable manufacturing jobs and supply chains across Queensland, including in Rockhampton in terms of the supply chain. We will strengthen our coastal shipping industry with a \$21 million commitment to get more local crews on ships, supporting a new shipping service between Townsville and Brisbane and more maritime skills and training.

Global economies are doing it tough, but thanks to Queenslanders and the strong leadership of our Premier we will deliver Queensland's plan for jobs and economic recovery because this government will always put Queenslanders' health and economic strength first.

Energy Industry; Hydrogen



Hon. MC de BRENNI (Springwood—ALP) (Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and Minister for Public Works and Procurement) (10.09 am): I am honoured and excited at the opportunity afforded with my appointment as minister for what is an essential service, a job creator and an industry with a great future. The energy portfolio is one that the Palaszczuk Labor government has a proud record in as ours is the government that kept essential services such as our energy generators in the hands of the Queensland public. Public ownership has enabled the delivery of lower power prices year on year since 2015. Public ownership has delivered the average Queensland household \$600 in returns through their electricity accounts. It has meant that Queensland household budgets have gone further so people can focus on the things that really matter such as gifts under the Christmas tree for the kids or a road trip as Queensland is now 'good to go', boosting tourism recovery across the state.

This is the result of Labor's mission to deliver cheaper energy for Queenslanders. It is also one of the reasons that our government is steadfastly focused on continuing to diversify Queensland's energy generation. The next global diversification frontier is green hydrogen, and here in the Sunshine State we are poised to be a major producer, consumer and exporter of hydrogen. We have all the major ingredients: a thriving renewable energy sector, world-class ports, a skilled local workforce and on this side of the House we have community leaders driving uptake of this new industry.


Today I am pleased to confirm the ongoing appointment of our strategic hydrogen advisor, Professor Ian Mackinnon, of the Queensland University of Technology. Employing Queenslanders in large-scale, world-class hydrogen projects will take a determined focus from our government at all levels. I am pleased to inform the House that we are reaffirming our commitment to grow this industry throughout Queensland. We reaffirm our commitment to create jobs that grow and diversify our economy as a top priority for our government. I will not do this alone.

Today I can announce our new Queensland hydrogen champions to assist in the delivery of the next great resource boom for Queensland. Our champions are the newly elected member for Mundingburra, Les Walker; our returning member for Rockhampton, Barry O'Rourke; and our returning member for Redlands, Kim Richards. These members of parliament have committed to help champion the industry at a local level, just as their predecessors, the member for Gladstone and the member for Townsville, whom we thank for their efforts, did. Most importantly, the champions will be part of a team that will ensure that our hydrogen strategy delivers jobs for Queenslanders at a local level. They will do that along with the first ever Assistant Minister for Hydrogen Development and the 50% Renewable Energy Target by 2030, the member for Bundamba, Lance McCallum.

On this side of the House everyone from the Premier and Minister for Trade and all ministers—whether for transport, manufacturing, employment, resources, agriculture, investment or state development—to every member of the Palaszczuk Labor team are backing the development of

hydrogen in this great state. We are doing that because Queenslanders have emphatically backed our jobs plan to onshore manufacturing and grow the resources sector in Queensland. For that we will deliver cleaner, cheaper energy for industry because that equals jobs.

Resources Industry

 **Hon. SJ STEWART** (Townsville—ALP) (Minister for Resources) (10.12 am): Firstly, it is an honour and a privilege to be standing here delivering my first ministerial statement as the resources minister. The resources sector is in Queensland's economic DNA and has also played an important role in my own family going back generations. In 1924 my great-grandfather Walter John Davidson was one of the original Mount Isa miners and there is a mine shaft named in his honour.

I have hit the ground running. Already I have had the opportunity to be on site to see the industry on the ground, from Mount Isa to Nebo. I look forward to many more visits to mine sites across our state. I saw that the resources sector is and will be playing a leading role in our economic recovery.

During the pandemic the Queensland government and the resources sector have stood up to protect 60,000 jobs and our \$54 billion worth of exports. This included: waiving rent for explorers until 31 March next year and capping other fees and charges until July 2021; fast-tracking 7,000 square kilometres of land for gas and coal exploration; and bringing forward economic recovery by boosting \$2.8 million to our Collaborative Exploration Initiative grants, with an additional \$10 million over four years to keep the momentum going. We have welcomed Arrow Energy's commitment to its \$10 billion Surat Gas Project. That 800 construction and 200 permanent jobs generator is Queensland's largest gas project to start since 2011.


Looking ahead, as part of the Unite and Recover economic recovery strategy, we are delivering the Queensland Resources Industry Development Plan to help regional economies to not only recover from the pandemic's effects but also capitalise. We will also outline how we are going to develop Queensland's new economy through the minerals sector as a growth opportunity from Mount Isa to Townsville and potentially across the state.

Right now we are working with the resources sector on a \$5 million concept study into a Bowen Basin gas pipeline; financially backing Mount Isa Mines' ongoing copper processing operations, including bringing additional security for around 1,000 workers from Mount Isa to Townsville—I have to tell the House that they were very happy with that announcement; and working on the \$1 billion Olive Downs coalmine, which will employ around 700 workers during construction and up to 1,600 people during operation. We have also progressed the remaining mining leases for QCoal's 500-worker Byerwen Mine and we are providing the regulatory approvals for the \$10 billion Surat Gas Project, which will support 1,000 workers.

Our track record speaks for itself. Over the past five years we have supported \$21 billion worth of investment in resources projects, creating more than 8,000 jobs. We will continue to work with the sector to help the economy rebound stronger from the COVID-19 pandemic, turning this crisis into opportunity.

MOTION

Amendment to Standing Orders

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (10.16 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

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.

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
Economics and Governance Committee	Premier and Cabinet Trade Treasury and Investment Tourism Industry Development, Innovation and Sport	Premier and Minister for Trade Treasurer and Minister for Investment Minister for Tourism Industry Development and Innovation and Minister for Sport	Auditor-General Integrity Commissioner
State Development and Regional Industries Committee	State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning Agricultural Industry Development, Fisheries and Rural Communities Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water	Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water	Independent Assessor
Education, Employment and Training Committee	Education, Industrial Relations and Racing Employment, Small Business, Training and Skills Development	Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development	
Health and Environment Committee	Health and Ambulance Services Environment, Great Barrier Reef, Science and Youth Affairs	Minister for Health and Ambulance Services Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Youth Affairs	Health Ombudsman
Transport and Resources Committee	Transport and Main Roads Energy, Renewables, Hydrogen, Public Works and Procurement Resources	Minister for Transport and Main Roads Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and Minister for Public Works and Procurement Minister for Resources	
Legal Affairs and Safety Committee	Justice and Attorney-General, Women and Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Police, Corrective Services, Fire and Emergency Services	Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services	Electoral Commissioner Information Commissioner Ombudsman Queensland Family and Child Commission
Community Support and Services Committee	Communities, Housing, Digital Economy and the Arts Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs	Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs	Family Responsibilities Commission

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.


ABSENCE OF MINISTER

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (10.16 am): I advise that the Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs will be absent from the House today due to illness. The Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development will take any questions relating to the minister's portfolio in question time today. I thank the Manager of Opposition Business for granting a pair for Minister Linard today.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Mr SPEAKER: Today question time will conclude at 11.17 am.

Job Creation

 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (10.17 am): I have a question to the Premier about jobs. Will the Premier commit to a jobs target to ensure Queenslanders are safe and strong?

Ms PALASZCZUK: I thank the Leader of the Opposition for the question because on this side of the House we are more than happy to talk about jobs, jobs and more jobs. In fact, I spoke extensively about it during the election campaign. I remind the Leader of the Opposition of Queensland's strong economic recovery plan, which was tabled by the honourable the Treasurer. I say very clearly that the number of jobs that were lost due to COVID have been restored in this state. That is an absolutely remarkable achievement for Queensland. We know that our economic recovery plan will create more than 50,000 jobs and our election commitments will create another 50,000 jobs.

We want to see Queensland become an economic powerhouse and we can do that because of our strong health response when it comes to COVID. Queensland has opened up faster than New South Wales and it has opened up faster than Victoria. Because of our strong health response, our economy has been able to open up. If Queensland was to go into a Victorian-style lockdown it would cost our economy more than \$3 billion a month. The Leader of the Opposition was a member of the Campbell Newman government.

Honourable members interjected.

Ms PALASZCZUK: Yes, he was. In fact, he was a minister. What was their record on jobs? Cutting jobs!

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: The ghosts of members past should not cause such a ruckus in this place. Members' interjections are getting too loud.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Member for Kawana and member for Maroochydore, you are both warned under the standing orders. I have just called the House to order.

Ms PALASZCZUK: A lot of them are still there; they have not left. It is good to see the member for Clayfield back—the architect of Strong Choices and the massive cuts. There were some 14,000 job cuts. We will never let Queenslanders forget the track record of the LNP. We will never let them forget!

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order!

Ms PALASZCZUK: I am enjoying this, Mr Speaker. It is great to be back! On a serious note, the budget will be brought down next week. It will be focused firmly on Queenslanders. It will be focused on growing the economy, making sure we are delivering on our strong economic plan and making sure we continue to invest in skills, training and infrastructure right across our state.

Unemployment

Mr CRISAFULLI: I have a question to the Premier about getting the unemployed into jobs. Is it acceptable that 214,000 Queenslanders are jobless heading into Christmas?

Mr SPEAKER: Before calling the Premier, I ask the Leader of the Opposition to simply state who the question is directed to and not provide the substance of the question and then follow with the question.

Mrs D'ATH: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. In relation to the question, I ask you for a ruling as to whether that is considered to be an opinion they are asking for.

Mr SPEAKER: I will allow the question.

Ms PALASZCZUK: I thank the Leader of the Opposition for the question. As I said, we have come back to where we were pre COVID. That is an incredible achievement. I will talk about the lead-up to Christmas. I will address this question because it is very important. Just today we have seen some of our theme park operators putting on an extra 500 staff in the lead-up to Christmas because of our strong health response.

With 28 days of zero community transmission in both New South Wales and Victoria, we will now welcome people from Victoria and New South Wales into Queensland so that families can be reunited for Christmas. This was always the aspiration of the national cabinet. What does that mean? It means jobs, jobs and more jobs. It means a jobs bonanza. It means that employers can now put on more people in the retail sector, more people in hospitality and more people across our restaurants and our cafes. More people in our performing arts sector can go back and get jobs. We know how hard our artists have been impacted. We have seen in some parts of Queensland a 200 per cent to 250 per cent increase in accommodation bookings. What does that mean? It means jobs in the lead-up to Christmas.

We all know that there is a lot of concern out there about what will happen when JobKeeper ceases. That is the domain of the federal government. We will be mounting that campaign federally, because that is where the issues are going to be dealt with.

I see a bright Christmas for Queensland and for operators right across the state. A few weeks ago we lifted restrictions so that a two-square-metre rule applied across our cafes and pubs. That means more people working in those industries. That means more jobs in the lead-up to Christmas. New South Wales is only looking at doing that from 1 December. We are already benefiting from that.

I remind those opposite that this is not the case in other countries around the world. It appears that those opposite are oblivious to the fact that in other countries people are not working. People are locked in their houses, no businesses are opening and there is no tourism. That is the situation in many countries in the Northern Hemisphere. I say: thank God we live in Queensland and thank God we live in Australia.

(Time expired)

Regional Queensland, Manufacturing

Mr SAUNDERS: My question is of the Premier and Minister for Trade. Will the Premier outline the government's commitment to regional manufacturing?

Ms PALASZCZUK: I thank the member for Maryborough for that very important question. We know how important manufacturing is as part of our economic recovery plan. We need to do more in Queensland. Manufacturing more in Queensland means only one thing: more jobs for Queenslanders.

Mrs Frecklington interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: The member for Nanango will put her comments through the chair.

Ms PALASZCZUK: Manufacturing in regional Queensland means more jobs in regional Queensland. I had many favourite moments of this campaign, but one of my most favourite moments was going back to Maryborough and meeting with the men and the women who work at Downer. Maryborough is returning to being an economic powerhouse of Queensland because of our strong investment in manufacturing trains in Maryborough. This was a key election commitment of my government. The member for Maryborough is the Assistant Minister for Train Manufacturing. I see that as absolutely vital—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order!

Mr Saunders interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Maryborough, you are warned under the standing orders.

Ms PALASZCZUK: My recollection is that there was no manufacturing of trains in any costings document produced by the LNP. Cross River Rail would have been built but—guess what?—no trains! There would have been no trains if they were elected. The New South Wales Premier says that they are no good at making trains in New South Wales. They should send them to Queensland, because that means even more jobs for Maryborough.

It is not just Maryborough; the whole Wide Bay region will benefit because it is jobs for the whole region, including Hervey Bay and Bundaberg. I welcome to this House the new members for Hervey Bay and Bundaberg. The whole region will benefit from that signature announcement about investing billions of dollars into regional train manufacturing.

Mrs Frecklington interjected.

Ms PALASZCZUK: It is good to see the member for Nanango—and the member for Everton. We need to manufacture more in Queensland. COVID made us look firmly at how we can manufacture more. Now we are manufacturing masks, face shields and gowns. We can do more. We have the people and the technology. At the end of the day, it means more jobs for Queensland.

Job Creation

Mr JANETZKI: My question is to the Treasurer. Will the Treasurer commit to a Christmas jobs target?

Mr DICK: I am very happy to take the question from the member for Toowoomba South. I congratulate him on his appointment. It is a very significant responsibility to be the Treasurer or the shadow Treasurer in this state, and I wish him well in the four years ahead. I hope those opposite stay true to their promise to support the government when the government does positive things. That is one of the first things the Leader of the Opposition does. I hope he is a man of honour and a man of his word. Over the next four years, when we do positive things for Queensland we expect bipartisan support from the LNP, because that is exactly the framework the opposition leader set.

Mr Crisafulli: We'll work on a jobs target together.

Mr DICK: I live in hope that that will be the case. I am very happy to talk about a jobs target. Before COVID struck, our government had created 250,000 jobs. We created a thousand jobs a month while we were in government and we will return to that when the strength of the Queensland economy comes back. Our commitment is to get back to where we were. The unemployment rate in Queensland was 5.7 per cent, with 42 consecutive months of employment growth. That is a full percentage point lower than it was under the LNP. Queenslanders know who can create jobs.

I am very happy to take the question about our jobs target from the Deputy Leader of the Opposition because what did we hear from the LNP during the election? In the week beginning 12 October the then leader of the opposition said that the LNP's jobs target, as reported in the *Courier-Mail*, was 150,000. At a press conference the same day she said, 'It's 65,000.' Then the next week it was 150,000 over 15 years. At the same press conference she changed it to 150,000 over five years. Then she picked a new number—73,000. We simply cannot believe anything the LNP says about job numbers. Do members know who worked that out?

Mr Crisafulli interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock! Leader of the Opposition, your comments are not being directed through the chair. I warn you under the standing orders.

Mr DICK: The Leader of the Opposition was part of the shadow cabinet that set those job targets. It was an unmitigated disaster, only beaten by the costings debacle of the member for Everton. You cannot trust anything the LNP says about jobs. They were all over the shop when it came to their jobs target because there is one thing they wanted to do about jobs in that election, and that was to cut them.

That is in their DNA. They did it when they were in government. They promised to increase the Public Service by 7½ thousand over four years. With a five per cent attrition rate in the Public Service, that would have meant tens of thousands of jobs going in Queensland. There is one party that Queenslanders can trust to back and create jobs. That is the Labor Party and this Palaszczuk Labor government.

(Time expired)

Superyacht Industry

Mr HEALY: My question is to the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning. Will the Deputy Premier update the House on the Palaszczuk government's plans to harness the superyacht industry as part of Queensland's ongoing economic recovery plan?

Dr MILES: I thank the member for Cairns for his very good question. He is indeed the Queensland government's champion for the superyacht industry. I know he worked very closely with my predecessor, the Treasurer, to prepare a Superyacht Strategy. That is already delivering \$1.1 billion to the Queensland economy and employing 8,000 people in tourism, maintenance and manufacturing. Part of our plan to unite and recover the Queensland economy is to get even more highly skilled jobs in the superyacht industry.

Construction is already underway on a new berthing facility on the Gold Coast at the Southport Yacht Club. It will be Australia's biggest superyacht berthing facility. We are investing \$2.87 million into that \$9 million project. There are already 30 jobs supported with that construction and many, many more will be supported in the food and beverage, tourism, repair, refitting and maintenance areas. These are highly skilled, secure jobs supported by our superyacht industry. More jobs will be supported across the marine precinct at Coomera. Our Superyacht Strategy is delivering jobs right across the Gold Coast and right across our regions—regions like yours, member for Cairns, and the Whitsundays also.

It is not just those on this side of the House who know how important it is to have superyachts here in our state. Where else would the LNP executive spend election night with Clive Palmer if we did not have some superyachts here in Queensland?

Mr SPEAKER: The Deputy Premier will cease using the prop.

Dr MILES: I table that for you, Mr Speaker.

Tabled paper: Photograph depicting Clive Palmer and LNP executive on super yacht [\[239\]](#).

We know that the LNP executive are in favour of getting more superyachts here to Queensland. They were not of course toasting an election victory. They were instead toasting their final victory in getting the member for Broadwater right where they wanted him—as Leader of the Opposition. It took them a little bit longer than they thought it would.

I say to the member for Broadwater, 'Don't fret that you don't have too many friends on that side of the chamber because there are plenty on this side supporting the superyacht industry. In four years time, thanks to our support for superyachts, you will have an even bigger yacht. Clive will have an even bigger yacht for you to spend election night on with your mates in the LNP executive. All of the faith at LNP headquarters'—

Mr SPEAKER: Order! The Deputy Premier will put his comments through the chair.

Dr MILES: In four years time the LNP executive and their bosses—Clive Palmer—will have somewhere even better to spend election night thanks to our strategy which will allow us to service superyachts greater than 100 metres long right here on the Gold Coast.

Budget, Taxes

Mr BLEIJIE: My question is to the Treasurer. Will the Treasurer rule out job-destroying tax increases in the budget?

Mr DICK: I am very happy to talk about taxation and the history—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DICK: Just getting it right. I just want to get the history right. I am very happy to talk about the budget next week. It should come as no surprise to the member for Kawana that there will be no new or increased taxes in the budget because that is precisely what we promised in the election and we are a government that delivers on our promises.

Of course, that is in stark contrast to what happened under the LNP. Before the 2012 election, what did the LNP promise—and, of course, the member for Kawana was in that shadow cabinet and then became the Attorney-General in that government? As part of the shadow cabinet that the member for Kawana was a member of they promised no new taxes. That is what they promised before the 2012 election—right before they increased fees and charges by more than \$3 billion. Coal royalties went up \$1.64 billion. Insurance duty, including on the family home, went up \$990 million. Stamp duty under the LNP went up \$361 million. Gaming machine taxes went up \$15.9 million. The health services levy went up \$22 million. Taxes on casinos went up \$30.8 million.

Queenslanders know who they can trust when it comes to state revenue and taxation—that is, the Palaszczuk Labor government. Just like they had a fake jobs target, they had a fake promise on taxation before the 2012 election. Queenslanders know that the LNP will say or do anything in opposition to achieve government and will do the complete opposite when they get into government. For the member for Kawana's benefit, I point out that their legacy was a \$3 billion tax hike that was a burden on Queenslanders when unemployment went through the roof. Unemployment went up to 7.2 per cent without a pandemic. It went up to 7.2 per cent without the worst pandemic in a century.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DICK: What Queenslanders know and what they saw in the election was a contest on economic management and they made a judgement. The people of Queensland know that they can trust the Palaszczuk Labor government to manage the fiscal circumstances of our state and our economy. They can trust us more than they will ever be able to trust the LNP again. They know they can trust us. We will deliver on the promises we made in the budget next week.

Mr SPEAKER: Before calling the next questioner, the members for Mudgeeraba and Southern Downs are both warned. I did not want to interrupt the Treasurer given that your interjections were designed to interrupt.

State Finances

Mr SULLIVAN: My question is to the Treasurer and Minister for Investment. Will the Treasurer update the House on how the Palaszczuk government is using its balance sheet to support the economy and is the Treasurer aware of any alternative approaches?

Mr DICK: I thank the member for Stafford for his question. I welcome him to the 57th Parliament and congratulate him on his election. I know he will do an outstanding job representing the people of Stafford in this House.

Since the expiry of the 56th Parliament, we have seen budgets from a number of Australian jurisdictions including the Morrison government, the government of New South Wales and the government of Victoria, and all of those governments are in deficit. Those governments will be borrowing to fund both operating deficits and stimulus, and we will be doing the same in Queensland—\$4 billion in borrowings for our election commitments and further borrowings to fund operating deficits, as we said on many occasions during the election.

Some states will be borrowing more than others—for example, New South Wales. I can report to the House that the Berejiklian New South Wales Liberal government's total debt forecast for June 2024 will be an eye-watering \$191 billion. Get this, Mr Speaker: that means that New South Wales debt will reach 195 per cent—almost 200 per cent—of revenue. That is an absolutely extraordinary number.

I am sure that the Liberal Party's debt bomb in New South Wales will come as a major concern to those opposite because they made a train wreck election promise to drive our economy into surplus over four years. Queenslanders saw through that. No wonder they could not actually fund the Bruce Highway hoax or the fake Bradfield Scheme. There it was: the four-lane Mander autobahn going up the coast from Gympie to Cairns, past the majestic 'Lake Frecklington'—the largest lake in the Southern Hemisphere.

Mr SPEAKER: The Treasurer will use members' correct titles.

Mr DICK: They said it was all shovel-ready. They said they would build it straightaway. How much money did they have for the \$15 billion fake Bradfield scheme? They had \$20 million—\$14.980 billion short. The LNP, including the Leader of the Opposition, who was a shadow minister, talked about that project for a year. They said, 'We will build the Bradfield scheme. It's ready to go.'

When would they create jobs under that project? We heard today that 200,000 people need a job. It would be 10 years before they created one job as part of the fake Bradfield scheme. No wonder at every election since 2012 the LNP has gone backwards in this state. They cannot be trusted with the finances of this state, they cannot be trusted with infrastructure and they cannot be trusted with their promises. Again, it is only the Palaszczuk Labor government that will deliver for Queenslanders wherever they live in this great state.

Coronavirus, Tourism

Ms CAMM: My question is to the health minister, with reference to tourism jobs. Will the minister table the COVID health advice that says tourists can fly to Queensland in a plane that is 100 per cent full but cannot go on a charter boat that is only 50 per cent full?

Mrs D'ATH: I thank the member for her question and congratulate her on being elected to the Queensland parliament. I find that question by the member quite disturbing. Despite one of the Leader of the Opposition's first statements being, 'We will not criticise just for the sake of criticising,' that question says, 'We now want to put doubt in the minds of anyone coming to Queensland that you cannot come here safely.' They are saying, 'We question the evidence and the advice of the Chief Health Officer of Queensland,' despite spending the whole of the election running around Queensland saying, 'We will accept and act on the advice of the Chief Health Officer of Queensland.' In the first question time of the 57th Parliament they start questioning the advice of the Chief Health Officer. They start saying, 'Prove it. Give us more information because allegedly'—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Members to my left, I am having difficulty hearing the Minister for Health's response to the question. I believe she is being responsive to the question asked. I would like to hear her answer.

Mrs D'ATH: Allegedly, the information globally on the dangerous virus they still have not grasped. They have not grasped that 60 million people worldwide have had this virus. Over one million people have died.

Mr Mickelberg interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: The member for Buderim is warned under the standing orders.

Mrs D'ATH: There have been more than 1.4 million deaths. What more does the opposition need?

Mr Watts: Table the advice.

Mrs D'ATH: I take the interjection of the member for Toowoomba North about releasing the information. The Chief Health Officer in this state has stood up more than 110 times publicly explaining her reasons for the decisions and the recommendations she has made to government—over 110 times. She has made herself available, answered questions from the media and explained her reasoning. There is not one leader and not one health minister around the world—

Mrs Frecklington interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Nanango.

Mrs D'ATH:—who is detailing all of the complex medical information that underpins that. Every single day we make decisions around restrictions on smoking and everything else about protecting our health. We do not question that advice because we know of the dangers.

Mr BLEIJIE: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order on relevance under standing order 118. We asked a very simple question about whether this health minister would table the health advice to show the discrepancy between trains and charter boats. That is all we are asking. Table the health advice.

Mr SPEAKER: The minister is being responsive explaining the absence of such information in her answer.

Mrs D'ATH: Manager of Opposition Business, it was planes, not trains. Just to clarify, planes have allocated seating per individual where we know every single person and where they sit, and they are able to be contact traced. That has been clearly explained by the Chief Health Officer.

(Time expired)

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: I will wait for silence, members.

Palaszczuk Labor Government, Workers

Ms KING: My question is of the Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing. Will the minister advise the House on how the workers of Queensland will benefit from a returned Palaszczuk government?

Ms GRACE: I thank and congratulate the member for Pumicestone. It is an honour to be the minister who is the recipient of her first question in the 57th Parliament. I congratulate her because she knows how important it is for us to look after workers, particularly during a world health pandemic. Workers know that the only people they can really trust in this state are the Palaszczuk Labor government. I thank her for the question.

It is an incredible honour to be re-elected as the member for McConnel. Despite the best efforts of the LNP to not let that happen, I was re-elected and I thank the people of McConnel. I am very happy to be once again the Minister for Education.

Mrs Frecklington interjected.

Ms GRACE: I take that interjection of the member for Nanango. It certainly did not help the LNP member that she visited the pre-poll twice. In fact, the LNP went backwards quite decisively.

Mrs Frecklington interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Nanango, I appreciate that there is some provocation, but you are under a warning. I will leave it at that.

Ms GRACE: I also want to thank the member for Nanango for giving Queenslanders the tip that I do make the best tiramisu.

It is an honour to be the Minister for Education and the Minister for Industrial Relations. It is great to have the racing portfolio in my area as well. I welcome it back.

Opposition members interjected.

Ms GRACE: For the benefit of the member for Mermaid Beach, those people are very happy to have me back, even though the previous minister did an absolutely sterling job—pardon the pun—in the portfolio.

Ms Palaszczuk: He spends too much time at the track.

Ms GRACE: That is right. They are very happy. I know the member spends a bit of time at the track and I am looking forward to being there with him too.

On the night, Queensland workers—in particular, our hardworking public servants and workers right throughout Queensland—breathed a collective sigh of relief that a Palaszczuk Labor government was re-elected. When I read that the member for Kawana had been reappointed as the shadow minister for industrial relations, had those opposite been on this side of the House workers would have been saying, ‘My goodness!’ because that is what they were saying during the campaign. They knew that all of the great things that we had done in relation to wage theft, labour hire, industrial manslaughter laws and workers compensation would have been on the chopping block again—chop, chop, chop. It would have all been reversed. They knew that was coming and they overwhelmingly voted us back in onto this side of the House. Workers know that we are the ones who look after them and that those opposite will vote against any advancement we make for their cause at every opportunity.

I welcome the member for Kawana. I am looking forward to giving him a few more lessons on industrial relations in this state. Can I say—

Mr SPEAKER: No. Unfortunately, you cannot say, Minister. You will have to resume your seat.

Ms GRACE:—I am looking forward to implementing our program.

(Time expired)

Mr SPEAKER: Before calling the next questioner, I must apologise to the member for Nanango. You are not under a warning but I just felt you should have been.

Coronavirus, Health Advice

Ms BATES: My question is to the health minister. If the minister wants Queenslanders to trust the government, why will the government not trust Queenslanders to see the COVID health advice?

Mrs D’ATH: I thank the member for Mudgeeraba for asking the question. What the people of Queensland trust is the advice of the Chief Health Officer. What the people of Queensland trust is the Premier and the Palaszczuk government acting on the advice of the Chief Health Officer and choosing not to politicise that advice. We know that. We know that because every day throughout COVID we each had people in our communities coming to us saying, ‘Thank you for following the advice of the Chief Health Officer. Thank you for keeping us safe.’ Surely those opposite heard that. Surely on 31 October they heard it because the people of Queensland—

Ms Bates: What’s the big secret? Just release it. What’s the big secret?

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. I will not be making the same mistake twice. Member for Mudgeeraba, you are on a warning. You can leave the chamber for one hour under standing order 253A.

Whereupon the honourable member for Mudgeeraba withdrew from the chamber at 10.51 am.

Mrs D’ATH: It is disappointing that the shadow health minister could not even control herself long enough to actually listen to the advice. This is an important issue but this seems to be the opposition’s strategy. They went through the election saying, ‘We will take the advice of the Chief Health Officer.’ Not once did they say, ‘Hold on. We will only take the advice of the Chief Health Officer if we see all of the evidence and decide for ourselves as politicians whether we accept that evidence or not.’ That is what they are saying: ‘We want to see the evidence because we don’t believe what we’re hearing.’ That is what they are saying.

Ms Palaszczuk: How many times did they want to open the borders?

Mrs D’ATH: Sixty-four times the LNP called for that.

Opposition members interjected.

Mrs D'ATH: This is a really important issue because the Leader of the Opposition is showing no leadership. He has decided within the first couple of weeks of becoming leader that he is going to start undermining the advice of the Chief Health Officer.

Mr Molhoek interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: The member for Southport is warned under the standing orders.

Mrs D'ATH: I will take that interjection from the other side. They say no, but do they say, 'Release all the advice on smoking and why we have to restrict it in buildings and cars'? No. They say, 'We accept that because we know how dangerous it is.' What do they not understand about COVID-19? The evidence is clear out there. I see the Leader of the Opposition with a huge grin on his face.

Mr Molhoek: Why won't you show us the advice?

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. We are not off to a good start. Member for Southport, you were only just warned. You continued to interject. You can leave the chamber for one hour.

Whereupon the honourable member for Southport withdrew from the chamber at 10.53 am.

Mr SPEAKER: It has not been that long since we sat and there is a continuity in the chair. I have made myself clear. Members on warnings will not interject. Those who do will be dealt with under the standing orders.

Mrs D'ATH: More than 110 times, the Chief Health Officer has stood up and publicly made herself available and answered questions. The advice, information and evidence we are releasing is the same as every other health minister, Chief Health Officer and leader in this country.

(Time expired)

Health, Infrastructure Projects

Mr HUNT: My question is to the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services. Will the minister update the House on the government's commitments to expanding and improving health infrastructure for Queenslanders?

Mrs D'ATH: I thank the member for Caloundra for the question and I congratulate him on his election to this parliament. I know the member for Caloundra has had many people in his electorate talking to him about how pleased and grateful they are that the government is listening to the advice of the Chief Health Officer and acting on that advice to keep them safe. That is why he is the member for Caloundra—because he is part of a government that is willing to act on that advice and not seek to undermine that information. In answering this question, I want to reiterate there is not one leader and not one health officer—

Ms Grace interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: The member for McConnel is warned under the standing orders. That is unparliamentary.

Mrs D'ATH: There is not one leader or health officer around the world who is providing more detail than what we are. When they announce restrictions and border closures, they are all working on the same detailed and complex health issues that are shared and known globally and looking at each individual case and the circumstances as they arise.

I want to talk about the member for Caloundra and his wonderful electorate and the wonderful work that the Palaszczuk government committed to during the election. There is an incredible commitment of \$889 million worth of new health infrastructure across Queensland. This includes \$265 million to establish satellite hospitals in the Redlands, northern Gold Coast, Ipswich, Bribie Island, Pine Rivers, Brisbane south and Caboolture. This includes \$31 million for six new or replaced ambulance stations, including one in Caloundra. It includes hospital expansions and redevelopments in Cairns, Townsville, Bowen, Mackay, Moranbah, my own electorate of Redcliffe, Brisbane, the Redlands and the Gold Coast.

This is about first-class health services for Queenslanders, but it is also about our economic recovery. More than 2,600 local construction jobs will be supported through these capital projects. In fact, this government is so committed to rolling out this program for more and better hospitals that we have an assistant minister for health infrastructure in the member for Mackay. I look forward to working with the member for Mackay. It is wonderful that we have an assistant minister from the regions looking at health infrastructure.

What did we hear from the other side when it came to health commitments, other than undermining the Chief Health Officer and the health advice in Queensland? Other than a lonely promise at a Cairns university hospital, we heard nothing. Did we hear anything about commitments in Townsville? No. Did we hear anything about commitments on the Sunshine Coast and in Caloundra? No. Were there any commitments in South Brisbane? No, because they had no vision for health in this state.

(Time expired)

Coal Industry

Mr WEIR: My question is to the resources minister. Does the minister endorse statements that resource workers and communities should move away from coal and reskill? I table the comments from *Hansard* regarding that statement.

Tabled paper: Extract from Record of Proceedings, dated 26 February 2019, page 325, containing a response by the former deputy premier, Hon. Jackie Trad, relating to thermal coal [\[240\]](#).

Mr STEWART: I take this opportunity to congratulate the shadow minister on his new appointment into the position. I certainly look forward to working with you and I wish you all the very best.

Mr SPEAKER: Your comments will come through the chair, Minister.

Mr STEWART: Sorry, Mr Speaker. I wish the member all the best and I look forward to getting more questions from him. However, I need to actually have a look at what he has tabled. I will take that on notice, if I could, Mr Speaker, and get a response back.

Mr BLEIJIE: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. Is the member taking it on notice as you ruled in the previous parliament and will he come back to the parliament within a sitting day?

Mr SPEAKER: The member did not indicate that during his time on his feet so I do not believe he is.

Regional Queensland, Road Infrastructure

Mr KING: My question is to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads. Will the minister update the House on the Palaszczuk government's plans to create jobs to support Queensland's economic recovery through new and accelerated investment in regional roads projects?

Mr BAILEY: I thank the member for Kurwongbah for the question and I congratulate him on his re-election. I look forward to working with him. We know that the economy in Queensland, like economies throughout the world, has been smashed by the COVID-19 global pandemic. This government has a very clear economic plan for recovery. We are implementing that and we prosecuted that at that election and the people of Queensland backed our support for them, for jobs and for infrastructure. We had four out of five record infrastructure budgets and we have added to that \$4.8 billion worth of infrastructure packages, five of them over the last 12 months, including a billion dollars in extra COVID stimulus funding for roads right throughout Queensland since April. We back Queenslanders all the way and Queenslanders have backed us at the last election by increasing our majority, by backing us on infrastructure and on jobs.

What we saw also is that Queenslanders did not want to risk the cuts and the chaos of those opposite at this election. Those opposite made some big promises about the Bruce Highway and about the Bradfield scheme, but when we looked at it there was absolutely no funding in their costings which they released. They left the release of their costings till two days before the election when they knew that the majority of people already would have voted. They hid their costings till the last minute. Then what did they do? They had a massive blunder, a \$700 million blunder, where they used a fund that was already allocated to pay for their second M1 on the Gold Coast. That is what they did. They double counted; they messed it up. Let me go through some of the projects they were going to cut to fund their second M1 which, I might add, was a puny version of the second M1, about six kilometres. It was a very inferior and puny little version.

They were going to cut \$75 million from the Mount Lindesay Highway. They were going to cut \$32 million from the Kennedy Highway north of Cairns. They were going to cut \$28 million from roads in Noosa as well as \$18 million from Steve Irwin Way and \$3.7 million for Ridgewood Road in Caloundra. I stood up on the Friday before the election with the now member for Caloundra to expose the fraud. They were being dishonest with Queenslanders. I welcome the member for Caloundra as a very strong representative for roads and infrastructure funding in his patch. They were going to cut \$15 million from the Cleveland-Redland Bay Road after the hard work of the member for Redlands.

This is what they were bringing on Queenslanders. They did not know how to manage an economic plan because they could not count. We know that whatever the LNP promise, it is always cut and it is sack and it is sell. The old gang is back together; seven ex-Newman government ministers sit over there, six of them on the front bench. The old gang is back. There is the member for Clayfield, who is now a member of the '51 club'. Nothing changes on that side.

(Time expired)

Rockhampton Regional Council, Mayor-Elect

Mr ANDREW: My question is of the Deputy Premier. I table the correspondence I have received from Christopher Anthony Hooper, mayor-elect of the Rockhampton Regional Council. The correspondence indicates that he was refused entry to the council meeting on 24 November 2020 to be sworn in as the mayor of Rockhampton after the council received a briefing from the department. Given the mandatory terms of section 166 and section 166A of the Local Government Act, as the responsible minister can the minister indicate what advice the department has given the council as it appears as though they are pre-empting mooted legislative changes and not actioning the filling of the vacancy?

Tabled paper: Email, dated 25 November 2020, from the Mayor Elect, Rockhampton Regional Council, Mr Chris Hooper, to the Mirani electorate office, regarding the appointment of the Mayor Elect of the Rockhampton Regional Council [241].

Speaker's Ruling, Question Out of Order

Mr SPEAKER: Member, this is your second term. That preamble is extensively long. I rule the question out of order.

Household Resilience Program

Mr WALKER: My question is to the Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and Minister for Public Works and Procurement. Will the minister outline to the House how the Household Resilience Program is supporting local tradespeople and small business through our economic recovery, and is he aware of any alternative approaches?

Mr de BRENNI: I thank the new member for Mundingburra for his question. It is an honour to receive his first question in the House, and I acknowledge and welcome him to the parliament. As the member for Mundingburra knows and other North Queensland members know, our state's north cops more than its fair share of extreme weather. That is why the Palaszczuk government created the Household Resilience Program and it is why we have gone again with round 2 of the same program.

When the Premier announced the first stage of our COVID-19 economic recovery plan six months ago we committed an additional \$11.25 million to expand the Household Resilience Program. In the Mundingburra electorate alone I can inform the member that there are now 187 further households that are in the process of cyclone-proofing their homes. Even better, this is another Palaszczuk government led initiative delivering a pipeline of work for local tradies. To date 99 per cent of cyclone-proofing upgrades have been completed by local businesses supporting local jobs. Backing jobs in regional economies is at the heart of everything that this government does.

We are excited as well about yesterday's announcement about another North Queensland regional parliament. I know that most members of this House—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr de BRENNI: We will not apologise to those opposite if they feel like they have to be dragged to North Queensland for another regional parliament. I am also pleased to report that thanks to the Palaszczuk Labor government another 1,528 households in total are receiving a cyclone-proofing upgrade. That brings the total number of homes protected through that program to more than 3,200 homes. We are helping regional businesses weather the COVID-19 storm while helping households weather the real storms. It is also saving Queensland families hundreds of dollars on their insurance premiums with some home owners reporting savings of up to 25 per cent.

We are not just reinforcing roofs and windows; we are reinforcing Queensland's regional economy. This is a level of commitment that North Queenslanders deserve and it is this level of commitment that this Premier is delivering them. It is the level of commitment that the constituents of Mundingburra deserve and it is the level of commitment that the new member for Mundingburra will deliver. It is a shame the same cannot be said about a former member for Mundingburra, the now Leader of the Opposition. What did he do when things got tough?

Mr Harper: He cut and ran.

Mr de BRENNI: He cut and ran. He dumped the Cowboys for the Titans, and the result on 31 October shows that North Queenslanders have not forgotten. We have all heard the bureau's warnings for a stormy summer, but when the cyclones sweep to the north—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr Dick interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: The Treasurer is warned under the standing orders. Minister, you have 14 seconds left. Do you have anything that is relevant to the question as asked?

Mr de BRENNI: When the cyclones sweep through the north this summer they will not be looking for the Leader of the Opposition because he has cut and run to his safe seat on the Gold Coast where they have even named a suburb after him. Where else but Runaway Bay?

Kaiser, Mr M

Ms SIMPSON: My question is to the resources minister. Does the minister endorse the appointment of admitted vote rorter Mike Kaiser to lead his department?

Mrs D'ATH: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. There is imputation in that question. We ask that it is ruled out of order.

Mr SPEAKER: The challenge with that question is that it is not about a member of this House; it is about a third party. I will allow the question but I will give the minister some latitude in responding.

Mr STEWART: I thank the member for the question. Mike Kaiser will be the acting director-general from January for three months allowing the position to be advertised and a merit based selection process to take place. The current acting director-general—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Members, the minister is being responsive to the question as asked. I assume members to my left would like to hear the answer to the question.

Mr STEWART: The current acting director-general is serving three ministers—and James Purtill has done a marvellous job in assisting me into the role already—so it is appropriate that short-term arrangements be put in place. Mike Kaiser is a highly qualified individual who has years of experience as an executive in government corporations and will be a strong supporter of the resources sector, which will continue to support our economic recovery.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr Mander interjected.

Mr O'Connor interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Members to my left, I'm having difficulty hearing the minister. The member for Everton will cease his interjections as will the member for Bonney.

Mr STEWART: Mr Kaiser has been a partner at KPMG for the past five years and is well respected by industry. Queensland Resources Council Chief Executive Ian Macfarlane said, 'I think this is a great appointment. He'll bring fresh momentum to the department.'

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Member for Everton, you are warned under the standing orders. The member for Warrego is also warned under the standing orders after interjecting immediately after the House had been called to order.

Mr STEWART: Santos CEO and chairman of gas industry peak body APPEA, Kevin Gallagher, welcomed his appointment and a BHP spokesman said—

Mr Kaiser's vast experience will be an asset for the state's resource industry.

Mr Lee has great experience, including as a director-general in New South Wales.

As the Premier has said to all of us, including directors-general, we have a big job to do and she expects every one of us to roll up our sleeves and get on with our COVID recovery. The people of Queensland re-elected us to get on with the job, and that is exactly what we are focused on.

Let us look at those opposite. Let us not forget the former director-general of Transport and Main Roads under Campbell Newman, Michael Caltabiano. He was a best mate of Campbell Newman and was forced to resign barely a year into the job, after months of scandals and investigations by the CMC. This side of the House has high standards and integrity; those on the other side of the House do not.

Sunshine Coast, Tourism Industry

Mr SKELTON: My question is to the Minister for Tourism Industry Development and Innovation and Minister for Sport. Will the minister update the House on how the government is partnering with Sunshine Coast tourism operators to create new visitor experiences?

Mr HINCHLIFFE: I thank the member for Nicklin for his question and congratulate him on his election to this place. This question comes at a time that is very important for the tourism sector and the tourism industry. After the most challenging and heartbreaking of years in more than seven decades, Australians deserve a holiday. With international borders closed, Sydneysiders and Melburnians who might have holidayed overseas are rushing to secure their spot in the Queensland sun. The Chief Health Officer's advice to reopen the Queensland border to eastern states from 1 December has sparked a genuine Queensland holiday booking stampede. I know that the Sunshine Coast is already a great part of that story with the opportunities that are being delivered.

It is vitally important that we do not just rely upon pent-up demand and the opportunities for us to service that domestic tourism industry but also make sure that we see that the tourism industry is part of our economic recovery by working closely with industry to make sure it comes back from COVID stronger than ever. Co-investing in supporting the industry in that regard is vitally important. That is why I am very proud to be announcing today that the 2020 round of the Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund will invest more than \$1.84 million in three iconic Sunshine Coast attractions.

TreeTop Adventure Park in the electorate of Nicklin, the Bellingham Maze and Aussie World are all good to go with funding from the Palaszczuk government to help develop new attractions. Combined, the three Sunshine Coast businesses are investing more than \$4.5 million in fresh attractions to complement the region's world-famous natural assets. Aussie World is going for the thrill of speed to bring almost 30,000 extra visitors a year with a new roller-coaster alongside the recently built swing ride. Bellingham is aiming for amazing by creating an immersive virtual reality maze experience with its existing much loved organic attraction. The TreeTop Adventure Park is thinking big for pint-sized explorers. Work is already underway beside the grown-ups' TreeTop Challenge on a world-class junior treetop adventure for young climbers aged three to nine. When completed, it will be the largest of its kind. As we know, on the Sunshine Coast tourism attractions are big. Just think of the Big Pineapple! All three tourism projects are putting nearly \$4 million into the Sunshine Coast economy and will deliver 50 jobs in construction and operation. It is all part of the way in which we are making sure Queensland is good to go.

Public Service, Appointments

Mr PURDIE: My question is to the Treasurer. Is the Treasurer achieving his objective of reducing consultants by hiring them as directors-general instead, as has been the case with Mike Kaiser and John Lee?

Mr DICK: It is no wonder the member for Ninderry has been punted to the backbench after that! Fair dinkum! I give you the tip, member for Ninderry: you are not showcasing yourself to go back on the front bench after that effort.

We are absolutely, resolutely focused on our savings and debt plan to make savings and to focus on every single dollar we spend in Queensland. I did that at my first press conference. This government has full confidence in directors-general, acting or otherwise, serving this government. We have full confidence in them. We have full confidence in Mr Kaiser and Mr Lee. They bring unprecedented experience into the Queensland Public Service. I would have thought the party that appointed Michael Caltabiano—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DICK: I remember at the time Campbell Newman said—

Mr Millar: You weren't here.

Mr SPEAKER: Order!

Mr DICK: Let me remind you what Campbell Newman said.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Pause the clock. Member for Gregory, comments will come through the chair. You are warned under the standing orders.

Mr DICK: Neither were you, member for Gregory.

Mr SPEAKER: Comments will come through the chair, Treasurer.

Mr DICK: I remember. The member for Gregory may not. I remember what the then member for Ashgrove, the then premier, said at the time: 'We've been processed to death' in Queensland. He said that to Steve Austin on ABC Radio.

I was watching the decline and collapse of that terrible government. It started at the beginning with their disrespectful approach to process in relation to appointments to the Public Service. I would have thought the party that appointed Michael Caltabiano—it ended up costing the taxpayers of this state \$650,000, in a nice golden handshake, to punt him off because he was an embarrassment to their government—would not ask anything about the appointment of directors-general, but they remember nothing and they learn nothing. That is the story of the LNP.

I say to the member for Ninderry, through you, Mr Speaker, you will have to do better if you think you are going to be fit for government. One month ago Queenslanders judged you. They judged you, and they judged you entirely unfit. Everything we have seen this morning shows that they remember nothing and they learn nothing and that the LNP remain entirely unfit. It is not surprising that they occupy—

Mr BLEIJIE: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. In your reiterated comments this morning in your Speaker's statement you itemised the use of the term 'you'. The Treasurer may have a different view of how he uses the terminology, but it is not according to your Speaker's statement this morning and I ask the member to be reminded of that fact.


Mr SPEAKER: That is a valid point of order. It is not appropriate to say, 'Through you, Mr Speaker' and then direct comments to other members. I note for all members that that is not the appropriate use of the approach.

Mr DICK: The members of the LNP have demonstrated this morning that they are entirely unfit to be in opposition, let alone government. We will get on with the job. While they whinge, complain and carry on, like they did for three years, we will get on with the job. We will work, we will deliver the jobs Queenslanders need, we will restore the economy of Queensland and we will get Queensland going again.

Mr SPEAKER: The period for question time has expired.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Further Answer to Question, Coal Industry

 **Hon. SJ STEWART** (Townsville—ALP) (Minister for Resources) (11.18 am): In question time I was asked by the member for Condamine about previous comments made in this House. The Palaszczuk government supports the resources sector for the royalties and jobs it generates, particularly in regional Queensland. Under the Palaszczuk government's watch, \$21 billion has been invested in or committed to resource projects creating 8,000 jobs. The resources sector is worth \$34.3 billion to Queenslanders and employs almost 73,000 people. As part of our economic plan for recovery, we have a \$10 million four-year booster pack of grants to supercharge exploration and drive future resources jobs.


The package includes a 12-month waiver of rent on exploration land due between 1 April and 1 September; a freeze on fees and charges until 1 July 2021; releasing almost 7,000 square kilometres, which is a lot of 'hectares', of land for gas and mineral exploration; and bringing forward \$2.8 million in grants funding for innovation in the North West Minerals Province. Queensland will be a coal exporter for many years to come which means that coalmining and jobs will be part of our economy now and for the foreseeable future. Queensland is naturally blessed with the world's highest quality metallurgical coal which the world needs to make steel. Even as the world transitions to renewables, metallurgical coal for steel will remain an essential, and therefore valuable, international export commodity for Queensland.

Since 2015 the Palaszczuk government has released more than 80,000 square kilometres of land for gas exploration, with over a quarter of it guaranteeing the gas will be for Australian consumers. In a national first, we released land nearly three years ago exclusively for gas for the domestic market to boost essential supply to the east coast market, particularly our manufacturers. We have also committed \$5 million to investigate feasibility and options for a new transmission pipeline, potentially 500-kilometres long, to connect currently stranded areas of the Bowen Basin in Central Queensland to the Australian east coast gas market.

New South Wales received \$1 billion from the Morrison government for renewables as a reward for developing onshore gas. Meanwhile, Queensland was offered nothing for doing the heavy lifting on gas to support manufacturing. The Palaszczuk government is committed to supporting the resources sector and acknowledges the role it has played in softening the economic impact of COVID-19 and we look forward to continuing to work with the resources industry as we recover.

ADDRESS-IN-REPLY

Mr SPEAKER: Before calling the honourable member for Stafford, I wish to remind members that this is the member's first speech and it should be listened to with the courtesies reserved for such occasions.

 **Mr SULLIVAN** (Stafford—ALP) (11.22 am): Mr Speaker, it is an honour that I be given the opportunity to move—

That the following address be presented to the Governor in reply to the speech delivered by His Excellency in opening this, the First Session of the 57th Parliament of Queensland—

May it please Your Excellency—

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland, wish to assure Your Excellency of our continued respect for the Crown and loyalty to the system of government in this State and to tender our thanks for the speech with which you opened the First Session.

The various measures to which Your Excellency referred, and all other matters that may be brought before us, will receive our careful consideration, and we shall strive to deal with them so that our endeavours may contribute to the advancement and prosperity of the people of this State.

I acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet and pay my respects to elders past, present and emerging. I want to thank firstly the people of Stafford for their support. It is humbling and I promise to honour the trust that they have placed in me. I also want to thank the Premier for the honour of moving this motion today.

My world view was shaped by two important sources—my family and my education—and both pointed me to pursue my values through the great Australian Labor Party. We were raised with a strong value setting based on the importance of fairness and social justice, with a hint of Catholic guilt thrown in for good luck! As a teenager I saw up close what changes the Goss government was making to this state. In hindsight his government provided a very practical social and political education and I am lucky to have had such an example to learn from and aim for across my career. I did not know it at the time, but the personal relationships from those times would develop and be important. I want to thank Roisin for her touching messages of support and thank Gossy for his ongoing friendship.

The example we saw as kids of hard work and the commitment to social justice was both through dad's work and mum's dedication. Both were teachers by training. My most enduring image of mum is her sitting on a comfy chair in the lounge room with a cup of tea and a cheeky Tim Tam marking paper after paper. There is a generation of women across the north side who benefited greatly from her dedication and inspiration as a teacher.

In taking on this privileged role after being elected by my community, there is zero risk of my feet leaving the ground. In addition to my wife, Carolyn, and kids, I am one of five siblings. Despite our current geographical distances, we are very close and I thank them for their love and support. My sister works in Indigenous engagement in the resource sector and my younger brother is a qualified construction project manager and runs his business in London where, with his beautiful wife, Rachael, they are raising two adorable kids. My next brother is a qualified lawyer with a masters in business who works for the Australian Olympic Committee in Sydney, where he lives with his partner and talented actor Kate Murphy. Our baby brother is a qualified psychologist whose specialty is high-risk youths, including dual diagnosed kids. I guess my point is this, Mr Speaker: I am very proud that, when it comes to community contribution, being sworn in as the new member is perhaps my chance to add to this collective contribution.

Stafford has a proud working-class history, but we have come a fair way from the tanneries. We are a community where we have in the same streets families who live in social housing, in post-war homes, in units and others with homes with a city view. We are CBD commuters in the private sector, law, engineering and accountancy. We are public servants as well as families who work locally in trade or in retail at our local business strips or Westfield Chermside, Stafford City or in our suburban industrial estates.

The Prince Charles Hospital is an icon in our community. I thank the doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, wardies, cleaners, caterers and operational staff who do so much to deliver a modern, complex health system. I of course thank them for the services that they provide to the community, but for me they are also constituents, neighbours and the lifeblood of our community. We are well serviced by local institutions like the Kedron-Wavell RSL, our budding hospitality locations and our community sporting organisations. We are blessed with local volunteers like Jack Poole, who was recently recognised for his extraordinary years of service to the Stafford Meals on Wheels.

I also want to recognise previous members who have served our great community. I want to again publicly thank Dr Anthony Lynham for his significant contribution to public life both before entering parliament and in this place. The fact that he is returning to medicine in the middle of a health pandemic will surprise nobody. He came here wanting to change the future for young people suffering unspeakable violence. This government introduced those reforms in the first term, cemented them in the second. He leaves vindicated for his public advocacy on this important issue and he should rightly be proud of his legacy. I also want to thank Pam for her hard work and significant contribution locally. Thank you both for extraordinary service and your ongoing friendship.

There are a couple of other former members for Stafford I want to acknowledge. I will start with Chris Davis. He and I disagree strongly on our political philosophy but, like Anthony, he left this parliament on his own terms and with his integrity intact. I thank him for his service and wish him the best in his career. It also gives me great joy to recognise the current member for Sandgate. It is quite a thing that I can reflect that I am currently the second best member for Stafford sitting in this chamber. I am sure he will not mind me hoping that my career as the member for Stafford is as successful, if not slightly longer!

Of course, I grew up knowing the long hours and hard work that good local MPs put in. The public contribution of my dad, Terry, is well documented. I want to put on the record that one of his more quiet achievements was to maintain that high level of public service whilst also maintaining an active, loving relationship with his kids, and that is a very important example for Carolyn and me as we embark on this new path.

As for my story, it is a local story and it is a Labor story. I cannot overstate the importance of education in my life, and of course there are teachers improving the lives of kids right across the Stafford electorate. I thank them for their contribution and I look forward to working with teachers, principals and parents as we seek the best support and outcomes for our children. My education through OLA in Wavell Heights and then Padua in Kedron was not just about academic advancement, although they provided that in spades, but more crucially had a focus on nurturing and developing good people who are well rounded and with a commitment to social justice. The Franciscan ethos certainly shaped my world view in those formative years. It was an awareness of the world around us, a commitment to others and a drive to contribute to our community.

I want to thank my teachers who gave me such opportunities in life, as well as my law, political science and international relations lecturers at university, particularly my thesis supervisor, the great Dr Alex Bellamy. My education in the law did not finish at UQ. I was lucky to work for District Court judge Michael Shanahan. It was an incredible learning experience to see one of Queensland's best legal brains at work—he quite literally wrote the book when it comes to criminal law in Queensland—but also to engage with the profession and to understand our great regions. I know I am here representing the people of Stafford, but I also come here with an early understanding of the vastness and needs of this great state. I was lucky enough to travel and work in our provincial cities, regional towns and as far away as Cooktown, Thursday Island and Bamaga. It also included working with community justice groups, including in the cape and Woorabinda. That experience continues to shape my understanding of government services and law reform and continues to inspire me to this day.

I am passionate about the role of education in changing people's lives, especially the more vulnerable in our community. My work in criminal law and government services suggests to me that the role of education cannot be overstated in the lives of young Queenslanders at risk of entering or already in the criminal justice system. When it comes to young people and youth crime it is very easy to just yell and shout as if that will change a single thing. A lot of names get thrown at these young Queenslanders and from the point of view of victims I get it. But there is one name I would love to be able to throw at these kids in 15 or 20 years time—taxpayer. Wouldn't it be great if in 10 or 20 years time these kids have a secure job providing for their families and paying taxes? Surely no-one could disagree with that proposition. If we agree on that, let us have a sensible discussion about how we get from here to there to make it happen. I am mindful that at the end of my career, whenever that will be,

I will be judged against these goals and so be it. Sadly, some of these kids will no doubt continue to be in contact with the criminal justice system, but hopefully fewer and fewer because in changing their lives we also create a safer community for us all. I do not suggest there is a silver bullet. I believe this needs to be a generational change, so let us make it this one.

There are many members in this House with whom I have worked. I want to thank the caucus for their warm welcome, for a constructive relationship over the years and, of course, a special shout-out to fellow incoming caucus members. May our service be long and our friendships be longer. If you will indulge me, Mr Speaker, there are a couple of members I need to thank in more detail. Through the chair, Premier, congratulations on a well-deserved victory. I have not always called the Premier by that title. The Premier's work in those dark days of opposition rebuilt the party, reconnected with the broader movement and reconnected with the community. I am very proud that in years to come when people ask, 'When our party was at its lowest what did you do?', I can say, 'I put my hand up to work for the team fighting against the largest parliamentary majority in Australian history,' and for the Premier, of course, the rest is history. I thank the Premier for her extraordinary leadership in those times and now as we face the global health pandemic and the global economic challenges that it brings. It is a real honour to continue to serve the team in a different capacity.

The member for Redcliffe inherited a profession and judiciary at war with themselves and with the government. I am proud to have been part of the team to restore civility and respect to the legal profession and the judiciary. I thank the many legal stakeholders and office holders in government and the judiciary who worked so constructively to that end. I am proud to have been part of the team that delivered such important, evidence based, truly historic law reform in government. I am proud that in the training portfolio the government reintroduced Skilling Queenslanders for Work and increased investment in TAFE to give Queenslanders the skills and experience they need to get into the workforce, have secure jobs and provide for their families. I thank the now health minister for such a productive working relationship, for her support, her mentoring and her friendship.

I also want to publicly thank the many public servants I have worked with throughout my career, from those who helped a young associate in the registry at the old District and Supreme Court site—we will not miss that building—to those who worked with dedication and quality for the minister—in education and training and, of course, in justice. Thank you to the heads of jurisdictions, statutory bodies and advisers who perform such important work, not for this particular government but for the Queensland public. My humble observation is that good government can be delivered not by subservience or the politicisation of the Public Service, rather by mutual respect and hard work in the pursuit of a given goal. It might not be politically popular, but I am proud to support the Queenslanders who decide to dedicate their skills and experience to our Public Service. Whatever our interactions, whether locally or through the parliament, you should know that I come at it with that genuine respect.

In a similar vein I want to thank that most maligned group, staffers. Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication to pursuing good service delivery and outcomes for Queenslanders. A particular shout out to those who worked so hard in those dark years, including the force of nature, Donna O'Donaghue, a colleague and friend. To Tim, Ian, Jackie and the whole team; to Jim, Denise and Paul; and to my most recent colleagues Michael, Lucy, Luke, Marty, Darren, Justin, Dan, Emily and Carl: keep fighting the good fight.

The most important person I want to thank is Carolyn, my wife. I am so lucky to have you in my life. Your intelligence, beauty, humour and accomplishments in your own world cannot be appropriately captured here today. Can I simply say I love you and I am so proud to be doing this with you. I want to thank the kids for their hard work and their joint efforts in making this change in our family life. To Olivia, Lauren and Olly, we love you dearly and we cannot wait to see you continue to grow as students and as the beautiful individuals that you are. Sadly, there is a member of our family who is with us every day but not present with us in parliament. Working in and around this place for so long I had always assumed that a member's first speech would be the most significant speech in their life. With all due respect to the people of Stafford and the members of this House, tragically for me that is just not the case. The most significant address is one that no parent should have to give: the eulogy of their child.

Francesca Charlotte McAnally Sullivan was born still at 35 weeks in April last year after what can only be described as a complete medical failing. I said at her funeral that there may come a day when I can say her name without crying—obviously not yet—but there will never be a day that the thought of her and talk of her will not bring a smile to my face, pride to my soul and great joy to my heart that Frankie, the beautiful child that she was, brought such joy to this world already. I would never pretend that Frankie is the reason I went into public life. After all, I have been a member of this great party for 22 years. Frankie is not the reason I believe in a strong healthcare system, although I passionately do,

but she is the reason I will try to contribute what I can to tackling this failing in the broader health system that has not seen a reduction in the rate of stillborns across the last two decades. Frankie is forever with me and continues to shape the person I am, including what sort of member I will be.

I am in no way pretending that I am on the same level, but it is hard with our election timing not to recognise that our election coincided closely with that of now President-Elect Joe Biden. One of the great characteristics of the incoming president is his basic human decency and his handling of grief, with his first wife and daughter and, more recently, his son. In discussions with the person who I think is one of the wisest modern commentators on politics in the US, Stephen Colbert, Biden spoke about the role of grief and loss in being humble. It is truly a grounding experience. I hope to follow his inspiration so that however our grief and loss may change over time, the humility and compassion for others will remain.

As for taking this big new step, sometimes inspiration can come from an unexpected source. Last year I attended our 20th school reunion. The guys were giving me grief about, 'What are you doing, Sully? You're not even a polly yet.' But a bit later one of my good mates who had moved away but moved back to Amberley said, 'Jokes aside, Sully, you know me, I'm not political, but we want good people doing good things and you're our guy.' So, Bradley Fay, I hope you enjoy reading your name in the copy of *Hansard* I will be sending you next week.

From the time Anthony told me he was returning to medicine and encouraged me to put myself forward, there have been countless people who helped me get here today. First and foremost Stafford branch members, family and friends. My family, as well as Carolyn's—particularly her mother Kath who has welcomed me into the family with open arms and an open heart. Peter and Ailma, Darcy, Bec, Krish, Simon, Ian, Laura, Lyndsay, Mike, Darren, Adam and Kat, Rachael, Jakub, Hollie—friends and supporters—Ellie, Michelle, Sue, Phil, Tracy, Bill and Sue, KVP, Kern, Janet, Jessie, Bev, Stephen, the lunch gang, including Ciaran and Duffy.


To Wayne Swan, not everyone has the resource of the national president as a local branch volunteer. He and Kim went above and beyond. I thank them for their hard work. I am comforted that this campaign will not be the last time I rely on their advice and support. Thank you to Steve Baker. You will not find a more genuine, decent bloke. I am proud to be a long-serving member of the AWU. To Chris Gazenbeek, who works tirelessly for his members and the movement. The SDA is the union I joined as a young retail worker at Stafford City Shopping Centre. To Peter Biagini and Garry O'Halloran, we have worked together across different roles and I thank them for their support in this latest endeavour.

I also thank Beth Mohle from the QNMU. We too have worked together in different capacities for years. Apart from being State Secretary she is also a constituent, as of course are many of her members. Thanks to the crew at party office: Jules, Adam, Mitch, Abi and the team. A special thanks to Zac Beers, a man who is wise beyond his years. I thank him for his hard work, his advice and his friendship.

It probably surprises nobody that in my youth I was a proud member of the United Nations Youth Association. Yep, I am a proud UN geek. It provided not only opportunities and education but also lifelong friends and colleagues who are doing great things in their own lives around Australia and, indeed, around the world. Thank you to Trav and Julia, Penny and Dan, Ravi and Jo, Varun, Sas, Josh, honorary member Marianna and so many more over the years. In conclusion, I also thank the parliamentary staff for their work. I refer not just to the warm welcome and help that they have given us as new members over the past few weeks but also to their work over many years and the general warmth and friendly disposition that they bring to this building each and every day.

I return to where I started. To the people of Stafford, I thank you. My pledge to you is that I will work hard each and every day in this chamber, in our community and within government to represent you well and to promote the values and policies that we took to the election. I am a passionate advocate for the Labor Party, for our shared values and, most importantly, for the Queenslanders who rely on Labor governments for fairness, for job creation and for decent services. As my old mate from school put more succinctly and simply, my intention in this place is to be a good person doing good things.

Mr SPEAKER: Before calling the member for Pumicestone, members are reminded that this is the member's first speech and it should be listened to with the courtesies reserved for such occasions.

 **Ms KING** (Pumicestone—ALP) (11.41 am): I rise to second the motion moved by the member for Stafford for the address-in-reply to the opening speech by His Excellency. To enter this place, passing beyond the 'Members Only' sign and through the grand doors of this chamber, to rise and speak here for the first time as the member for Pumicestone is an extraordinary honour. It is a long way from where

I started. I grew up attending a two-room primary school in a tiny regional village. Dairy, sugar cane and fishing made up what local economy there was. Every few years the wide brown river burst its banks and rolled into local houses, including our own. There was poverty. There was disadvantage. It was not easy for young people to stay and to thrive.

My dad could not work following a serious accident and so we relied on an invalid pension. My mum baked cakes to sell at cafes in the nearest town and worked nights in a restaurant to pay the bills. Through it all, with no money and three growing kids, somehow it never felt like poverty. When you live in poverty your horizons are tight and they are closed around. Despite everything, my parents, Nick and Cherie, always had big dreams and high hopes for us; a sense of possibility for our lives. They gave me their love of words and adventure and their curiosity to learn. I can only say how grateful I am to them for their belief in me and their unending support always.

From early childhood they made very clear their unshakeable expectation that I would attend university. At my campaign launch a month out from election day, when supporters gathered at the Bribie Waterways Motel with the sparkling Pumicestone Passage outside, I stood to speak and I said—and it has been said since to far greater acclaim—that I am proud to be the first of my extended family across all generations and all continents to achieve a university degree. But even more than that I am proud not to be the last. I was the first, but I am not the last. Since I broke that ground in our family, many have followed. Our whole trajectory has changed and we are now a family for which higher education is a choice that you have.

A young person growing up in Pumicestone in 2020 faces some of those same challenges that I experienced. People in our community experience high rates of economic disadvantage. We have some of the highest rates of disability in Queensland. That makes it difficult for families to grab hold of opportunities for further education, as it was difficult for my family. Statistically, a young person growing up in Pumicestone and beginning university in 2021, with the same high hopes with which I began in 1995, is likely to be a young woman. When she graduates in 2023 or so she is likely, as I was, to be the first in her family to graduate with a university degree. When she does she will be breaking new ground and creating a new trajectory for her family. There is every chance that she will be studying nursing at Caboolture, at the University of the Sunshine Coast that our Palaszczuk Labor government has championed so strongly. At long last a young person in Pumicestone has higher education readily within their grasp; not at the end of a two-hour journey of multiple trains and buses, but right in our own community. Like me, that young woman may be the first but she will not be the last.

This is a journey toward opportunity and a journey of enormous change within only a couple of generations. That journey began with a Labor government, the government of Gough Whitlam. Prime Minister Whitlam's championship of accessible education has wrought the most profound change for families like mine within my lifetime. It is the transformative power of education that brings me before you today.

I stood shoulder to shoulder with parents, kids and teachers and campaigned for Pumicestone state schools to be fully air conditioned because I believe in removing barriers to education and training, whether they be hot summer classrooms, the increasing cost of a degree or the need for more apprenticeships. We were successful in that campaign and the daily lives of kids and teachers in our local schools are being transformed as a result. For as long as I have the honour to remain in this place, my job is to ensure that the transformative power of education is available to the people of Pumicestone, whatever their backgrounds, whatever their education needs and whatever challenges they experience.

After my dad's accident he never worked full-time again and our family could so easily have fallen through the cracks, but with quality public health care Dad was able to get through and our family could flourish. Because that is my history I believe deeply in quality public health care and supporting the most vulnerable in our society. Amidst the exquisite beauty of Pumicestone, high levels of health disadvantage and disability stalk our communities. Many people in Pumicestone know those challenges from the inside and I walk beside you in that, like my friends Leonie and Ferdi. For years Ferdi got up at dawn and headed down to Brisbane, multiple times each week, for the specialised dialysis that would keep his kidneys in the best possible shape while he waited for a transplant. Leonie told me that the travel and the tiredness took such a toll that she was worried that he would not last out. Those worries took a toll on her too. Ferdi's story ends well. He got his kidney transplant and he is thriving.

Pumicestone has the highest median age of any state electorate in Queensland. Health commuting to Brisbane for medical care is a real problem, especially for older and vulnerable people who cannot drive themselves. That is why I am so thankful that the Palaszczuk government has committed to building two satellite community hospitals so that the people of Pumicestone will have

more health care closer to home. It fills me with hope to think that from 2023 our nursing student may start work as a graduate nurse at one of our satellite community hospitals in Caboolture or on Bribie. As we train the healthcare workers we need for the future in our own community, we create our own solutions: the jobs, the services and the skilled staff to provide them.

As I rise today as a brand new leader, I acknowledge those who have gone before. My very first event as a member of parliament was a NAIDOC Week celebration for PIEEC, the Pumicestone Indigenous Education and Employment Council. PIEEC has been newly created to advocate for better outcomes in learning and working for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people in Pumicestone. Rising to speak that day, I felt humbled and in awe of the 1,600 generations of leaders that have gone before me on the lands of the Gubbi Gubbi people. As the elders and leaders of PIEEC look to create and enhance the bonds of community in Pumicestone, my commitment is to listen carefully, support your aspirations and try always to walk beside you.

Reflecting on the 91 years since the first woman was elected as a Queensland state representative, there is a deep irony. On the one hand, I am one of only 97 women ever elected to this place. Within my lifetime, and even during my adulthood, that privilege is vanishingly rare for a woman, yet the people of Pumicestone have overwhelmingly chosen women as their representatives across the political spectrum. I am the fourth woman of five members for Pumicestone.

Growing up in an area similar in so many ways to Pumicestone, I had never met or even seen a woman in political leadership. Compare that to a young woman coming to adulthood in Pumicestone right now, who has grown up seeing women in local, state and federal representative roles. That same young woman is half as likely to attend university as any other Queenslander. She is at heightened risk of unemployment. Pumicestone is rich in human kindness and community, but our median income is substantially below the Queensland average. There is much work to do, but I am proud to represent a community that readily recognises women as leaders and values what we bring to the table.

It was not me alone that so many people in Pumicestone were voting for when they cast their ballots. Some were, certainly, but forthrightness is one of the shining qualities of the people of Pumicestone and they told me every day, loud and clear, what messages they wanted passed on. I quote, with your indulgence, Mr Speaker: 'You tell our Premier she's doing a great job'; 'You tell her from me to keep on sticking to her guns. Tell her to not let them get her down'; 'You tell Anastacia thank you for keeping us safe.'

In this terrible year of pandemic, our Premier did not what was easy but what was brave. People in Pumicestone saw that clearly. They saw it and they respected it. Many people living in the communities that make up Pumicestone had good reason to fear the impacts of COVID-19. They rewarded our Premier's genuine care for them and her battles on their behalf with their faith and their support. I lost count of the number of times people said to me, 'I have never voted Labor in my life, but I can see you working hard and I'm going to vote for you to say thank you to Anastacia for keeping us safe.'

There is very little good to come out of this pandemic. Lives have been lost and the economic challenges are enormous, but I do see renewed faith in political leadership. For the first time, ordinary people saw and believed that their leaders were working for them. It has been a privilege to be able to support people in Pumicestone through this difficult year. My hope now is that if you trusted our Premier and me with your support I can make you glad of your decision.

If a member's inaugural speech is a record of what they deeply value, then I am deeply proud of my work as a health adviser to the Palaszczuk government. This election, where women's reproductive freedoms were put very explicitly on the chopping block by those opposite and their allies, only strengthened my commitment to ensuring that women seeking essential reproductive health care need never again fear criminal prosecution; that health workers providing that care need never again fear prosecution; and that women and health workers can now and forever access clinics with their privacy and dignity unmolested by shameful bullying and abuse. Generations of Labor activists worked for these reforms, Labor legislated them and now Labor has fought to protect them. I hope that those who tried to make women's reproductive decisions an election issue can see, finally, that it just does not work.

No meditation on leadership or women in this place is worthwhile without reflecting on the mighty leadership of a mighty woman, Jackie Trad. Jackie once said, 'Progressive change is slow and it's hard, and sometimes it feels like it will break your heart, but to make it happen you must have a seat at the table.' It breaks my heart that the people of Jackie's community have lost their seat at that table, but Queensland has been greatly changed for the better by her time here.

The project of change that we in Labor take on when we come to this place did not start with us, and our responsibility is to make sure that it continues after we personally are done. A few weeks before our Queensland election, I was sitting on the couch at the end of a tough day with my little boy and girl and we were watching New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern give her speech following her magnificent election victory. My children had lots of questions, as kids do, and then my little son asked me, 'Mummy, can boys be politicians, too?' In that moment I knew that my efforts to make sure that my kids see all the human possibilities of leadership have been worthwhile. I am grateful for my children and their patience for this life that has called me so strongly. I did not get to see my mum have a career. While my children sacrifice a lot so that I can follow this path, my hope is that, in seeing my work, they will learn the importance of leading and working on behalf of others.

Long ago my husband, Chris, and I discovered a shared love of words and adventure. In his novel *Cloud Atlas* David Mitchell wrote, 'Do whatever you can't not do.' Chris, without your support to do what I couldn't not do, I would not stand here today. Thank you for your genuine delight in my success. It is a shared success and I look forward to more shared adventures.

So many people have contributed to bring me here today. My greatest fear in making this speech is forgetting some of you. My union, the mighty United Workers Union, represents some of the most vulnerable and low-paid workers across almost every sector. In Pumicestone, that is the workers who pick our fields of strawberries, raspberries and blackberries. It is the aged-care workers who care for frail and elderly Pumicestone residents, like my friend Lindsay's elderly granddad. It is also the teacher aides like Sandy, who was recently badly hurt at work. I enter this place with the interests of those workers front and centre and humbled by the support I have received from my union and its members.

Thank you to Garry Bullock for his belief in me and to Matt Lawrence and Wendy Turner for their counsel and comradeship. My gratitude also goes to the broader union movement and the QCU for their support.

Thank you to Queensland Labor Party office and especially Jules, Jeanette, Penni and Ben for seeing me through a tough campaign. I cannot possibly name every volunteer who has worked so hard for nearly a year, but my campaign director Kerry, Lyn and Paul, Dave, Brownie and Domenic all warrant a special mention. Thank you to the many Young Labor volunteers who came to Pumicestone to help. The Bribie Island branch of the ALP has been extraordinary. I promised right at the start that I would be the hardest working candidate you had ever seen and I hope you feel I lived up to that.


Thank you to my dear friend Harry Thompson, to whom I owe my sanity given the last trying weeks of the campaign. I firmly believe that, in asking a young person to lead, your belief in them helps make them a leader. Rhiannyn Douglas, I asked you to lead and you succeeded beyond my wildest imaginings. There is no ceiling to your sky. The Deputy Premier has long supported me as a boss, friend and mentor. Thank you for always having my back, even when you were busy saving Queensland.

There is no greater gratitude I can express than to the people of Pumicestone for trusting me to represent you. Together, I have the highest of hopes for what we can achieve for our beautiful community. It is beautiful not just in the richness of its natural wonder but in the human qualities of generosity, honesty and commitment to community. However long or short my time in this place as your member for Pumicestone, every time I walk through these doors I will be mindful of the privilege of representing you.

I have high hopes too for our young Pumicestone woman beginning university in 2021. I hope that you learn and flourish, that you embark on whatever adventures of work and family you may choose and that you enjoy opportunities for education and health as good as anyone else in Queensland. You deserve no less. My story has come a long way from where it started. I finish now with more words from David Mitchell's epic adventure *Cloud Atlas*—

Our lives are not our own. We are bound to others, past and present, and by each crime and every kindness, we birth our future. I commend the motion to the House.

Mr SPEAKER: Before calling the honourable member for Whitsunday, I remind honourable members that this is the member's first speech and it should be listened to with the courtesies reserved for such occasions.

 **Ms CAMM** (Whitsunday—LNP) (12.02 pm): I rise in this House today humbled by the privilege afforded to me by the good people of Whitsunday to represent, advocate and be a voice for our beautiful region. It is more so an honour to serve in this 57th Parliament in the first four-year fixed term as the

member for Whitsunday. Today, I commit to the people of Whitsunday and Queensland, with my parliamentary colleagues here as my witness, that I will serve this House, the electorate of Whitsunday and the people of Queensland with humility, integrity, hard work, courage and passion.

These attributes have been gained through my raising and lived experience as a canefarmer's daughter, a mother and sister, through the many lessons you learn from 20-plus years of working life—starting as a sugar chemist, spending almost a decade in the travel industry, a rewarding role as professional philanthropic fundraiser through to executive and board roles across the not-for-profit and private sectors, as a former canefarmer myself and most recently as deputy mayor. It is this diversity of experience and career journey that has contributed in part to my standing before you here today. It is also in part the commitment and passion to my community. It is also the hard work of others during my campaign. It is more broadly the hard work and resilience gained over the journey that is my life thus far. It is a culmination of these things that has contributed to the trust that has been placed in me to represent the people of Whitsunday, in particular during a year that will be known generationally as one of the most challenging years in our state's and nation's history.

I grew up on cane farms and cattle properties from the O'Connell River, near our hometown of Proserpine, to Manila outside of Tamworth in New South Wales and Pleystowe in the Pioneer Valley. Our family was always invested in cattle and sugar. It is part of my family's heritage and it was smart business as when one was up the other was down. Being raised on the land, it is part of who I am and why I am so passionate about rural and regional Queensland. The beef and sugar industries continue as a great love and legacy of our extended family today, which I am much proud of. As the eldest of four children, my role was to support my brothers and sisters while Mum and Dad worked our farm. As we grew up, it was expected of us too, whether it was helping plant cane—and that was stick cane, the old way—or setting up irrigation. It is where my work ethic was established.

There are moments in life that define you and build your character. Experiences where my world view was challenged and as a result altered forever was at the age of 16 when I had the privilege of being an exchange student in Nepal. I had never been confronted with such poverty or adversity. This was one of those defining moments. Returning to year 12, it was through public speaking that I found a way to articulate my experience and seek to understand the role and recognition of diversity and resilience and the importance of culture.

Finishing year 12, I studied at sugar school and entered the workforce in the industry I loved and understood most as a sugar chemist with Mackay Sugar. It was after the wettest season in a decade, 1998—one of the most challenging seasons for growers who had to leave cane in the paddock—that I questioned the career path I was taking.

I reflect on the stories of my Nonno—Giuesspe Carrello, my mother's father, born to Sicilian migrants in Innisfail—who from the age of 13 was cutting cane around Proserpine. He started with nothing in an industry that was good to him and he has shared with me regularly his greatest learned lesson of hard work, hard work and more hard work. 'No-one is going to do it for you,' he said. Still today I admire his work ethic at the age of 87.

I decided to follow my passion of travel and for the next decade, whilst having my family, I worked in the travel industry in various roles. While over that time I experienced the challenges of 9/11 and the collapse of Ansett, it was all but a drop in the ocean compared to the challenges brought about by the pandemic that we see today and that the travel and tourism sector, both within my seat of Whitsunday as well as more broadly across our state and nation, are now facing. Grit and resilience will be acquired through these times of challenge. The industry was good to me, teaching me many skills and building my networks across many industries that I continue to work with today.

During my career I have had the rewarding pleasure of raising much needed funds for medical research and working with community groups and not for profits as a community development practitioner. Through growth, experience and opportunity I went on to work more broadly in executive roles in local government and regional economic development where I developed industry insights from working closely with the resources, METS, tourism, agriculture and service sectors.

I am proud of the strategic leadership I have contributed in volunteer board positions and the value of the learnings I have gained from the people I have worked alongside, including those at the Mackay Combined Women Services, Connect Housing, the Research Industry Network, the Coral Sea Clinical Research Institute, Regional Development Australia and Whitsunday Communities. It is through these positions that I have greater appreciation of placed based solutions, an insight into the challenges of individual industries, the value of collaboration and the recognition that profit for purpose is a

transformative process that many regional organisations need to adopt to survive. It is no surprise that regional economic development became a passion and the concepts of regional equity, opportunity and harnessing our natural resources to create prosperity resonated to my core.

I believe in the role that smaller government can play to connect, facilitate and regulate. This ideology was introduced to me growing up as the great niece of Ron Camm. Ronald Ernst Camm is still the longest serving member for the seat of Whitsunday. Our family is proud of his contribution to the state. We are proud and humbled by his reputation as a distinguished member who entered this House in 1961. During his time in politics, he held the following ministerial portfolios from 1965 to 1980: minister for mines and main roads; minister for mines, main roads and electricity; minister for mines and energy and minister assisting the premier on matters concerning northern development; and minister for mines, energy and police. He was the deputy leader of the parliamentary National Party from 1968 until 1980.

For 15 years as minister for mines he worked tirelessly to promote the mining industry. The Bowen Basin and the communities that make up the coalfields and the townships are a testament to his legacy. In particular, the development of Goonyella and the coal that it produces today delivers prosperity for this state through the creation of jobs and royalties.

He was responsible for the coordination of rescue work on the ground as a result of Cyclone Ada in 1970. During my campaign I was humbled to hear from a woman who says she owes her life to his efforts on the ground.

My great-uncle Ron fought for equity with a historic filibuster in this House. In 1976, the equalisation provision of the electricity tariff legislation was introduced. He believed North Queenslanders should not be paying 40 per cent more for their electricity than the rest of the state when Queensland went on to the common grid system. When he commenced he did not have the numbers in this House to support the bill, but after 13 hours on this floor the vote was won by two votes.

He was known to fight formidably for injustice, and I take inspiration from that piece of parliamentary history—where we are reminded that the debates and decisions that are made in this House impact people's everyday lives, at times their hearts and at times their hip pockets. I am proud to be representing a regional seat where members before me have stood up in this House for inequity and I will be proud to do so as a regional Queenslanders and for all of Queensland.

My grandmother Coral Camm, along with my grandfather Stanley Camm—Ron's younger brother—spent much time with him and his family throughout his parliamentary service. She has shared with me experiences and recounts of Queensland's political history. They started out at Bloomsbury and over their lifetime invested in sugar and beef cattle. I am very grateful for their ongoing support as it is what gave my parents a start. They have also contributed so much to our local community in the Whitsundays, including the establishment of a respite service for participants of all abilities in Proserpine which my aunty to this day still continues to participate in, along with many others across the Whitsunday community.

I will indulge the House in a personal moment with her. Earlier this month after the seat of Whitsunday was declared, she said in jest, 'Congratulations. You are the first Camm in opposition.' She was stating the obvious. I paused and replied, 'Yes, Grandma. I believe that I have big shoes to fill.' Her quick wit and political prowess is a gift that she has passed on to me. My grandfather, who had the highest standing of integrity, gave me the greatest advice: work hard and be true to yourself as you are the only one who has to look yourself in the mirror every single day. History is our biggest teacher, and I am proud and honoured to have the opportunity to serve the people of Whitsunday and Queensland with a goal to fill those shoes with honour and integrity like my great-uncle Ron did.

Prior to my father's passing over a decade ago, his words to me were, 'You can be anything that you set your mind to. You could be mayor one day.' Some six years after that statement I was called to serve in local government and in 2016 was sworn in as a councillor and elected as deputy mayor of Mackay Regional Council. I had always professed that I was not there for a long time but a good time, to support a community that lacked leadership and was battling the impacts of a delayed GFC, and to support cultural change that was desperately needed to support council staff and elected members who needed to engage and lead our community to a standard that the ratepayers expected. Throughout those four years my world view was altered ever so slightly through residents' experiences and challenges.

My proudest achievements throughout my local government service was the adoption of the Mackay Region Planning Scheme 2017—the first scheme to be adopted since the 2008 amalgamation. As chair of the Planning and Economic Development Committee, I was unashamedly an advocate for quality strategic planning and development, as without it there is no housing, commercial precincts,

quality open space or clearly defined plans for growth. The result of that means that there would be no community, no identity and no social fabric that defines a region from another. The Mackay region was not in a good place. It was losing private and public investment to other regions. I am proud of my contribution to the scheme's adoption.

After a visit from Dame Quentin Bryce, the idea formed between the mayor and me to lead a community-led domestic violence task force. This task force is now recognised as a model of inclusive leadership that other regions are adopting to raise awareness and work towards the elimination of domestic violence in our communities. We all have a role to play no longer as bystanders. In 2017 we adopted the domestic and family violence policy included in our workplace agreement, and this policy has been a model for other local governments and for private enterprise.

The experience gained in leading through disaster as deputy chair of our local disaster management group and in leading our community alongside the mayor through Cyclone Debbie and the bushfires of Eungella, Finch Hatton and Cathu State Forest was that the response and recovery effort was challenging, emotional and exhausting for all. However, our communities proved their resilience and ability to come together stronger. Local government is the closest form of government to the people, and I thank my former colleagues and staff. You have my utmost respect. May it always remain apolitical to work in the interests of our communities.

My vision for the Whitsunday electorate is made up of so many valued industries: that our children now and into the future can see and experience opportunities; that our grazing and sugar milling industries are respected and valued as they embrace new technologies, innovation in farming practices and recognise the value-add that they can harness; that farmers are respected as custodians of their land and waterways and are recognised for this contribution; and that the tourism industry is a key pillar in our state's economy and experiential identity—the reefs, the beaches, the islands and national parks are accessible—and that the natural environment is sustainably managed and harnessed to create unique experiences that drive visitation and create a year-round prosperous and sustainable sector. My vision for 'brand Whitsundays' is that the operators and the experiences that they deliver are respected, elevated and never to be overlooked or taken for granted.

I commend the ongoing work of our volunteer organisations—disability, social and human services—that deliver a locally-led place based model. I will ensure they are respected and valued. It is their localised knowledge, care and expertise that will always have my support, as it is these grassroots services that contribute to our community fabric.

I will always be a fierce advocate for the resources and the METS sector. Whilst there are no coalmines in my region, the workforce that drives in and out to the Bowen Basin resides across the electorate from the northern beaches of Mackay to Proserpine, Cannonvale and everywhere in between. My mother, sister and brother all work in the mining industry and I have a personal insight into the hard work and family sacrifice that they and their colleagues make day in and day out.

I have come to know this to be true: economic prosperity requires a holistic lens of the social and economic. Our system of government is a contest of ideas. I believe in smaller government whose role it is to facilitate and regulate with a consultative approach. I recognise that industry and community do not always speak the same language, and it is through leadership that government can play a role to bridge that gap.

I believe that real success can be achieved when all levels of government can identify opportunities and facilitate policy and good decision-making. I believe that economic and social infrastructure must be strategic in nature and need, be planned and developed with sustainable principles, and deliver value that is in the interest of Queenslanders, not just for today but for future generations.

I commit to being a member who will do my best to ensure that good working relationships are upheld both across my electorate and this parliament and its members. As I only stand here today at the grace of the people of the Whitsundays, I will work alongside them and the office I hold will never be taken for granted.

To my neighbouring electorate and the member for Burdekin, like so many in our party we share the values of rural and regional Central and North Queensland. I look forward to working with him so that our great North Queensland is recognised for their contribution to our state and that the unique challenges that they face are voiced in this House.

Whilst I thank the people of Whitsunday who have elected me to this House, I also thank important people across my electorate who believed, like I did, that we deserved better. I acknowledge the hard work and commitment to the campaign of Shelley and Phil Argent and their children—Ramy,

Levi and Millie. You worked tirelessly and I am so proud of what we achieved and the way we achieved it. To Bill and Tolma Camm, Sophie and Lawson Camm, and your families: I am honoured to serve and continue our family's contribution to the political representation of our region and our state. Your belief and support are overwhelming and will always be treasured. To Kristy Camm, Shane Newell, Stan and Merewyn Wright, Dominic McCarthy, Ari Oliver, Jack Johnston, Cody Vella, Rick Fisher, Debbie Muscat, Evelyn Vassallo and Flynn Bushell: thank you for your hard work and for your efforts.


Thank you to Jules and Peter Thompson from the Broken Ballerina Foundation. Keep your vision front and centre. Every day you are making a difference. A personal thanks goes to Karen May, Nick Bennett and Jade McAuley, who always reminded me to trust myself; to my mother, who has taught me resilience and has encouraged me to forge my own path; and to my siblings—Kristy, Tracy and Josh—who keep me grounded and encouraged by their pride.

To Trinity and Tara, my stepdaughters, you are smart, young women who have forged your path and continue to teach me. To my children—Lachlan, Abigail and Braithan—your unconditional love, support and endless encouragement has helped me to achieve not just this milestone but many before and many more to come. I love you more than you know and I am so very proud of the young adults you are growing to be.

To my husband, Brendan, who is here today, I could not follow my heart and take up opportunities when they have presented without your support and unconditional love. Your respect and encouragement for me to be the best I can be is unwavering, and there is no doubt in my mind that I would not be standing here today had it not been for your equal partnership and recognition of our individualism. For this I love you.

To the people of the Whitsunday electorate and to the people of Queensland, I commit to being a member who will make a positive contribution every day with the values of humility, integrity, hard work, courage and passion. Mr Speaker, I will respect this House, the history and present day it represents and the important role it plays in the lives and livelihoods of all Queenslanders now and into the future.

Mr SPEAKER: Honourable members, before calling the honourable member for Mundingburra, I remind members that this is the member's first speech and it should be listened to with the courtesies reserved for such occasions.

 **Mr WALKER** (Mundingburra—ALP) (12.22 pm): Mr Speaker, may I extend to you my sincere congratulations for your successful re-election as Speaker of the House. As mentioned previously, back-to-back terms for a Speaker of the House have not occurred for many years, which just shows the high regard that is held for your dedication and diligence to the role of Speaker. You have demonstrated time and again that you will preside over the deliberations in this chamber with experience, much wisdom and respect for the time-honoured conventions that have served this parliament well in the past.

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Jagera and Turrbal people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay my respects to their elders past and present. I also extend respect to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people here today. I also acknowledge the traditional owners of the land that I represent in Mundingburra—the Bindal and Wulgurukaba people.

I thought I should start with a brief history of the seat of Mundingburra. The word comes from the Aboriginal word meaning 'of the water'. Mundingburra the suburb was originally in the shire of Thuringowa and later became a suburb of Townsville. The seat of Mundingburra was originally named Townsville South in 1959 until its dissolution in 1986 when it became Townsville East. Townsville East was later abolished in 1991 and was divided between the seat of Burdekin and the new seat of Mundingburra that it is today.

The seat of Mundingburra is a very diverse and important part of Queensland and Australia. It is the home of Lavarack Barracks, the largest military base in the nation. I would like to thank all of our amazing defence personnel who have served our country each and every day. They have also played a vital role during our battle against COVID-19—and for that our nation thanks you. Mundingburra also has the largest hospital in Northern Australia, the Townsville University Hospital—a further shout-out to our dedicated health professionals who have worked tirelessly during this pandemic to keep Queenslanders safe and also those right across the country. As a father of a nurse, I know how big the sacrifices many of you make are to keep our community healthy.

There is a zinc refinery, Sun Metals, currently going through a major expansion to provide more jobs for the region and to grow our local economy. I also mention our copper refinery, which is also a major employer in the community. James Cook University is one of the world's leading educational

institutions for marine studies. We have 20 public and private schools—and a big shout-out to the recent graduates of year 12 who have gone through a tough time and have completed their secondary schooling.

We also have the Murray Sporting Complex, which is the home of community sports for the region, and Townsville stadium, which is the home of the Women's National Basketball League three-times national champions, the Townsville Fire. It is important to note that Townsville will host 32 games in total for this altered WNBL season, providing a much welcomed boost to our local economy. Thank you, Premier, for helping to secure that for the region. We also have the Townsville Turf Club, which is going through a major rebuild due to the monsoon event of 2019 and was heavily supported by the Palaszczuk government. Without your support, this club would have found it very difficult to get back on its feet.

I must acknowledge in the previous term of the Palaszczuk-led government that a commitment was made to fund stage 1 of the Haughton pipeline to provide water security for the people of Townsville. This is being delivered in partnership with the Townsville City Council and has created hundreds of jobs for the region—which goes to answer a previous question today. In the past year of that term, a further commitment was made to wholly fund construction of stage 2 of the Haughton pipeline. This was a fantastic announcement—one of vision and true leadership by the Palaszczuk government. This is a nation-building project, one that demonstrates confidence and provides jobs and more opportunity for the region to grow and attract more investment. It is a shame there are not more in the House to listen. That is why I joined the Palaszczuk team—because of this forward-thinking and visionary leadership. I now look forward to seeing this project completed for the people of Townsville.

A big congratulations goes to all who have been elected to the 57th Parliament—the first four-year term in our state's history. It goes without saying that, during such testing times around the globe, we all have an important role to play in this place. If there is one thing we all know, it is that Queenslanders come together when times get tough. In my home town of Townsville, we all came together after the devastating monsoon event in 2019. Now right across Queensland we have stood united during the battle against COVID-19. I could not be prouder to call Queensland my home, and I am incredibly honoured by the faith that the people of Mundingburra have given me to represent them in this the 57th Queensland parliament. I will work tirelessly to return that trust you have shown me.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of division 10 of Townsville for their support during my 16 years as a city councillor and four years as your deputy mayor. We achieved a lot together as one community and for that I thank you. I enjoyed every moment in my previous role, but I eagerly await the next chapter representing our community across Mundingburra. With the support of my fellow members Minister Scott Stewart and Aaron Harper, we will fight every day to bring a brighter future for the community of Townsville.

I have managed and been involved in many election campaigns over many years. This campaign was something special and what an effort by our great team of volunteers: a five-week campaign spearheaded by my son, Kyle, a campaign I will not forget for some time. The reason I will not forget it in a hurry—besides the sore feet, aching body and lack of sleep—is that I had a team of volunteers that were second to none. I thank them sincerely from the bottom of my heart: my wife, Kaylene; Chantelle, my daughter; David A; Jane; David B; Ellie; Sam; Finn; Luke; Nathan; Oliver; Hannah; Norma; Michelle; Greg; Liam; Ben; Joe; Monique; and, of course, Kyle. These are the people who backed me every single day, making thousands of phone calls, doorknocking thousands of homes—actually more than 5,000 homes in five weeks—letterboxing brochures and doing high-vis through the streets of the electorate of Mundingburra, waving to residents each and every morning on their commute to work. We also had 100 polling booth workers who spent many hours over the two weeks of pre-poll and the final polling day across the electorate of Mundingburra. I sincerely thank you as well. This win is for each and every one of you. Without you this would not have been possible.

A special thank you also goes to my former members for Mundingburra, Ms Coralee O'Rourke, Ms Lindy Nelson-Carr and the Hon. Mike Reynolds, for their support and work across the Mundingburra polling booths and their mentorship during this campaign. I must also acknowledge the great work the former minister and member for Mundingburra, Coralee O'Rourke, has done not only for Mundingburra and Townsville but also for the whole state. One of her achievements that must be mentioned is Oasis—this is critical—the first one of its kind in Australia. It will be one of at least six in Australia and will help our former defence personnel transition into civilian life with IT support, training, counselling, employment and workspace. I make special mention of Lieutenant General John Caligari (Retd) for his fierce advocacy and dedication in this space. It will be a vital facility for many services and will be a model for the whole nation to be proud of. I say thank you to Coralee.

This is a project I have been proud to be involved in as the local councillor and an advisory member. Now as the new member for Mundingburra and a member of the Palaszczuk government, I look forward to completing this vital project and continuing this work with Lieutenant General John Caligari retd and the Oasis team to make sure this facility is a great success. In addition to this, there is the new Townsville Women's Centre, which is a much welcomed new facility for the amazing team who provide that service. Congratulations to Coralee O'Rourke. There is no doubt I have big shoes to fill. A lot has been achieved. However, there is so much more to be done and I am up to the task. I will be the voice for the people of Mundingburra each and every day.

In closing, I would like to thank my beautiful parents, Les and Dorothy, for their love and support and making me the person I am today. You made many sacrifices for our family growing up and to this day continue to provide me with love and support during the most testing times.


To my beautiful wife, Kaylene, you have been by my side through many, many campaigns over the years. Crazy, I know, but you will drag me everywhere and push me to achieve more and more for the community each day. I love you.

To Chantelle, my daughter, your dedication to the community in your role as an ICU nurse is so amazing. You are such a beautiful person inside and out. You are caring, compassionate and kind. Our state is a better place for the care you provide in your role in our community.

Of course, Kyle, you worked tirelessly over that five weeks to push me to achieve things I did not think were possible. You were there from the start to the finish and did not miss a single doorknock, phone bank or early morning high-vis session. This moment here right now simply would not have been possible without you.

To my family, thank you for your unconditional love, support and endless help and belief in me. This victory is for you. Thank you, Mr Speaker. I look forward to these next four years representing our community of Mundingburra and using less tissues. I am going to buy shares in the company. I commend the motion to the House.

Mr SPEAKER: Before calling the next honourable member, I remind members that this is the member's first speech and it should be listened to with the courtesies reserved for such occasions.

 **Mr HUNT** (Caloundra—ALP) (12.37 pm): I acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today and I pay my respects to their elders past and present. Mr Speaker, I congratulate you on your re-election to the high office of Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and for being the first Speaker to serve for consecutive terms in nearly two decades.

At the outset I congratulate the Premier on being re-elected to lead a Labor government for a third term but also her efforts during this global COVID-19 pandemic. The Premier has set the bar very high in terms of redefining leadership in Queensland. To the Premier I say congratulations on her leadership and sacrifice during this time. She has done an amazing job at running our state during the COVID-19 crisis. On behalf of the residents of the Caloundra electorate, I offer a very heartfelt thank you.

I offer my congratulations to all new members elected at the last election, in particular my new colleagues in the Labor caucus, for successfully forming government in the 57th Parliament of Queensland. I look forward to working with all of you.

It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the former member for Caloundra, Mr Mark McArdle, who served the electorate for 16 years. He has a well-earned reputation in the region for being a caring and decent man. Every conversation I have had with Mark has always been instructive, and his cheeky sense of humour meant that every campaign I ran against Mark was very civilised and good natured. I recall going into his electorate office in 2014 to introduce myself as the preselected Labor candidate. As I was leaving, Mark's parting remark was, 'Good luck, but not too much.'

Caloundra is my home town and I love it deeply. The original custodians of the land, the Gubbi Gubbi people, lived and thrived in the region for many thousands of years prior to the arrival of Europeans. The evidence of their continued and unbroken connection with the country is there to be found. In its early days around the turn of last century, Caloundra was considered remote. To connect to the state capital required 100 kilometres of rail network from Landsborough to Brisbane and then 24 kilometres of very bad road from Landsborough to Caloundra. This leg of the journey was via a twice-weekly coach for the princely sum of five shillings.

According to the *Post Office Directory* of 1920, only 15 families lived in Caloundra on a permanent basis. We have grown somewhat since then. It is estimated that nearly 49,000 residents live in the district today, a far cry from the original 15 permanent families. While we have grown in size, we have

also grown in charm. Caloundra is one of the most idyllic regions in Queensland, as evidenced by the huge number of people who make their way to the region each and every weekend and every school holidays. Indeed, it is scarcely possible to tell someone you are from Caloundra without receiving the reply, 'Oh, I love Caloundra. We used to holiday there when I was a kid,' or 'Oh, I love Caloundra. We go there every year,' to which I would say, 'And why would you not?'

Caloundra is a bright, happy, vibrant community blessed with picturesque beaches and charged with looking after the northern end of the Pumicestone Passage, a waterway so beautiful and rare that it was recognised under the Ramsar convention in 1993. It is an extremely rare doubled-ended estuary that is home to 43 species of migratory birds, over 60 fish species, seven species of vital mangroves and also turtles and dugongs at its southern end. It is beautiful, an integral part of growing up in Caloundra and, most importantly, in our care. While local community groups such as TAPP and Night Eyes do excellent work in caring for and promoting the passage, in truth the responsibility falls to all of us here in this House. I pledge that I will do my utmost to protect and nurture the Pumicestone Passage and to put in place any measure that I can so that future generations can enjoy the leisure time and the ecological diversity it provides.

The electorate of Caloundra is a place that builds lifelong memories. As a boy I caught my first fish off Military Jetty at Golden Beach. Last year my son Liam caught his first fish off Military Jetty. Caloundra is that sort of place. Generations of people raised there almost always seek to raise their own family there. Locals will remember, as I do, when Currimundi Road was red dirt, when Bulcock Street had diving boards complete with razor sharp oyster shells on the pylons and when the circus was able to set up on the huge sandbank just in front of Happy Valley. But it is not just a coastal community. The hinterland towns of Landsborough and Beerwah are the windows to the region's more agrarian past and, while both towns still have their roots in that foundation of agriculture, both are now growing into their own easily identified communities. Landsborough is not just a vital transport hub for road and rail; it is also a link to the early European history of the region—a proud, sincere and uncomplicated community for families of all ages.

Beerwah is a town that sticks in my mind as the place where mum used to go to get fresh eggs. It is now a thriving and rapidly growing community with some of the most modern, attractive and peaceful housing developments on the entire coast. During my campaigning, doorknocking in Beerwah was a joy because the estates in the town are so consistently beautiful and well maintained. As I mentioned, the area is growing fast. Imprinting itself onto the traditional region is the area known as Aura, encompassing the new suburbs of Baringa and now Nirimba. These communities are filled with young and vibrant families and are places where young couples just starting out can find affordable housing to enable them to get a foothold and an entry into the magnificent lifestyle that the residents of Caloundra can enjoy—a lifestyle that it will be my job to enhance and grow. It is an area that, thanks to this government, has seen three brand new, state-of-the-art schools started in three years—an area that will see firsthand the benefits of the much anticipated Bells Creek Arterial Road. This is a road that the Premier started in October this year and that promises to unlock jobs, commercial infrastructure, emergency services precincts and traffic-easing alternatives for the residents of Caloundra and Caloundra South. This is my vision for the region—not some radical change of direction but, rather, a vision to protect and preserve the lifestyles that we cherish so dearly; a vision to improve the community by looking after our environment and by bolstering and supporting our educational facilities; a vision that demonstrates how hard work can deliver outcomes—real, solid, tangible outcomes—that will make a material difference to our region.

I will approach this task with the skills and values that I have acquired through various jobs and experiences and with examples set by key people and institutions I have admired and looked to for guidance along the way. My service in the Australian Regular Army has left me with a deep and abiding affection for our service men and women. Our veterans of all ages deserve our respect, a respect that is without question. I know firsthand that serving in our defence forces instils an innate sense of character. These are traits that are useful in everyday life: a love of duty, a calling to service, to serve others without the expectation of reciprocity, and a love of our great nation. This should not be an unthinking, unconditional love; it must be a devotion and a realisation of how incredibly lucky we are to live in the great state of Queensland and this great nation of Australia.

My time in the 2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment offered me the opportunity to meet some of the finest leaders I have had the pleasure of knowing—leaders like my old squadron Sergeant Major Warrant Officer Jack Price, a man for whom leadership seemed to come effortlessly, a man who taught me that leadership was undermined by those who abuse their power and leadership was enhanced by those who walk the road between affection for those they served and respect for the mission that had

to be achieved. Another important influence in my development was John Baxter, my former regimental sergeant major. John Baxter is a man so utterly gifted in the craft of leadership that a mere look could instil either terror or a feeling of invincibility in the soldiers under his charge. John taught me that leading by example was the way to get the best out of others.

My time in the military, however, was but a precursor to the most transformative period of my life. For more than two decades I worked as a custodial correctional officer in the state's largest high-security jail at Woodford. I was a 'screw'. But to simply call us 'guards' would utterly disrespect the enormous depth of responsibility that we were called upon to undertake. It would not recognise the danger that we faced. I—we custodial correctional officers—did not simply stand outside a room and guard it. On many occasions we were quite literally locked in a room with some of society's most violent and dangerous criminals. Queensland's prison officers start every day by walking into the lion's den. A new officer will march into a centre with barely 10 weeks training, and from day one they will be one of two or perhaps a trio of officers who are locked inside a high-security unit of 50 to 90 prisoners, none of whom are favourably disposed towards the staff.

Correctional officers spend almost half their weekends of every year away from their families and work 12-hour nights that require us to be outside for lengthy periods of time—rain, hail or shine—without any designated rest breaks. We respond to scenes of murder, horrific assaults and some of the most graphic and disturbing self-harm episodes it is possible to imagine. Queensland Corrective Services officers do so with a level of pride and integrity that must be seen to be believed.

One of my former colleagues was assaulted so badly in 2018 that, had the assault continued for even a few moments longer, he would most certainly have died. His skull is now held together by 68 titanium screws and 12 steel plates. To this day he has not recovered from his injuries physically or psychologically, but his workmates were back on duty 48 hours later because that is what custodial officers do. They push on when facing the threat of serious assault. They lean on each other for support in and out of work and, in truth, they are extraordinary men and women doing an amazing job. They need our help and they need our support and they need to be protected by those who would privatise their workplace.

This government is to be commended for its efforts in renationalising the state's two private jails. This is and will be a very real improvement in staff safety for the officers at both centres. We are obligated to respect the risk they undertake and acknowledge it often and publicly. Being a custodial officer at Woodford led me to becoming a union delegate for these men and women for 19 of my 21 years—a position that greatly strengthened my pre-existing belief in the absolute necessity in the work of labour movements and unions everywhere. It saddens me that some people still cannot understand the role of unions and the objectives of the ordinary mums and dads who voluntarily make up their numbers. To borrow from Ben Chifley's penultimate address on the subject, the movement is not about putting an extra sixpence into somebody's pocket but is about bringing something better to the people—better standards of living and greater happiness to the greater mass of people.

In my experience staff safety was the primary concern of my own union, Together, and while that did sometimes involve some relatively lively and robust disputes it was largely handled by the disagreeing parties sitting down and laboriously working through an issue until, through constructive collaboration, a decision was made. Intelligence, patience and a very deep sense of caring are the hallmarks of good unionists—qualities that are exhibited every day by some of the officials and organisers that I have known for many years, men and women like Alex Scott, Kate Flanders, Michael Thomas, Darren Roach and the late Sean O'Grady. I thank them for their support and guidance over the last two decades.

To stand in this place—in this House—is a great honour and there are so many people who are responsible for my being here. I must thank the people of Caloundra for letting me be the current custodian of the title 'member for Caloundra'. I must thank ALP State Secretary Julie-Ann Campbell and Jeanette Temperley from party office and the members of the Caloundra branch of the ALP who worked themselves to exhaustion week after week, year after year in what was a six-year marathon to get to this point. I thank the members of the Caloundra branch executive—Michael Hallam, Val Simpson, Karen Moran, Jennifer Witham, Andrew Moran, Charli Fouhy and Dan Bessell—for your unceasing support, encouragement and belief, especially at times when my belief was challenged and flagging.

My family—this is the tricky bit—has been an amazing support to me. I thank my brothers Christian, Shaun and Tim and Auntie Dos and Uncle Adam for their love and for keeping me grounded over these last 50 years. I would be stating the obvious if I said I would not be where I am today without

my parents. I wish my mother and father, Jean and Ed, could have been here today. I think they would have liked it very much. My heartfelt thanks goes to my wife, Justine, and my son, Liam, for their soul-nurturing love and their understanding of all the times I have missed and will miss. I look forward to the hugs and kisses when I walk in the door and I am so grateful for the unparalleled joy of being husband and father to both of them.


There is no doubt that 2020 has been a year like no other for so many reasons. For me it will always be the year that persistence paid off, a year that the people of Caloundra gave me the opportunity to serve. To be part of the first four-year fixed term in Queensland affords all of us a place in history and a chance to do amazing things on behalf of the people we represent. I have no doubt that we will look back on our time in the 57th Parliament and say that it was productive and that Queensland was a better place as a result. Mr Speaker, I commend this to you. Thank you.

Honourable members: Hear, hear!

Mr SPEAKER: Honourable members, I am feeling very generous. The House will resume at 2 pm.

Sitting suspended from 12.57 pm to 2.00 pm.

Mr SPEAKER: Before calling the next honourable member, I remind members that this is the member's first speech and it should be listened to with the courtesies reserved for such occasions.

 **Mr SMITH** (Bundaberg—ALP) (2.00 pm): I rise in this House proudly as the member for Bundaberg. I rise as a member of parliament dedicated to delivering for his community and for always holding true the values and principles that have shaped me to this moment. Bundaberg is the jewel-in-the-crown city of the Wide Bay region. It is often said—most often by me—that when Bundaberg is doing well Queensland is doing well. The Bundaberg electorate has a rich and proud history along the banks of the Burnett River and no history of the region dates back further than those of the Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng and Taribelang Bunda First Nation people. I wish to acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands of Bundaberg's First Nation people and pay my respects to elders past, present and emerging, as I do the elders of the land on which we meet in this place today.

Bundaberg is an electorate with a history of resilience, the overcoming of hardship and a strength of a community that may at times be forced to bend but refuses to ever be broken. The people of Bundaberg are Queenslanders and, once more, they are regional Queenslanders. So often havoc has been caused time and again by drought, flood or fire, yet Bundaberg's history is based on the rolling up of sleeves and getting on with the job. This history has now developed into an ingrained culture that sees the Bundaberg brand spread not only all over Australia but also across the world.

This year was a year like no other and, many have claimed, an election like no other, a year that has seen the rapid spread of COVID-19 stretch across the globe to devastating effect. Indeed, in Australia and Queensland we saw the uncertainty and emotions of doubt and fear in the lives of everyday people: our neighbours, our friends, our family. But it was Queensland that stood tall. Queenslanders came together. They rolled up their sleeves and got on with the job of keeping each other safe. In times of uncertainty we all look for leaders, and in my electorate of Bundaberg it was no different. As the months of the year 2020 rolled on, Bundaberg turned to the leadership of the strong, stable Palaszczuk Labor government. As I knocked on doors during the election campaign, as I spoke with constituents on the phone and met with locals down the street or at the markets, it became clear that, regardless of their previous political persuasion, the people of Bundaberg felt safe that our Premier, Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk, and her cabinet of ministers were leading Queenslanders through their darkest moments since the outbreak of World War II and keeping us safe.

I thank the Premier and her team for putting the lives of Queenslanders and regional communities like that of Bundaberg first when it comes to health and safety. It is because of this strong leadership that small businesses in my electorate have been able to rebound so quickly from their initial lockdown restrictions: businesses such as Williamson's Fine Meats run by Robert alongside two of his sons accessing the extended Back to Work program; businesses such as Grindstone Coffee House where Kristy was able to use Small Business COVID-19 Adaptation Grants to invest in new tabletops and the expansion of an outdoor eating area. Because of the strong health response to COVID-19 the businesses of Bundaberg are already experiencing the positives of a strong economic recovery plan.

These positive experiences coming out of the strong health response to COVID-19 have also delivered for sport and community clubs, sporting clubs just like Brothers Bulldogs Australian Football Club where coach, Ash Charlesworth, was able to get his under-12s back on the field and playing the sport they love, whilst at the same time Ethan, Cal and Amity were able to be cheered on by mum and

dedicated volunteer Lisa. A community club, the Bundaberg Central Rotary Club, was able to meet for dinner, fellowship and plan projects for the good of the community at the iconic Bundy pub, the Club Hotel. This was done far earlier than anyone had anticipated. These steps along the path to recovery were and are because of the strong leadership of a government that followed the health advice and did not bow to the reckless and politically desperate calls for the borders to be reopened by those on the other side.

Although the influence of COVID-19 may have shined brighter a light upon the strong leadership of the Palaszczuk Labor government for so many first time Labor voters, I believe that a year and campaign without the shadow of COVID-19 would still have resulted in Queenslanders and the community of Bundaberg backing in a Labor government that has been relentless in its pursuit of fairness, inclusion and a never-ending determination to create local jobs by investing in regional Queensland.

I know this because of the hard work and dedication of my team of volunteers who were on the ground in Bundy, a team of volunteers who spoke to locals on the phone in those early days of COVID-19 to make sure that they were doing okay and that they could access and contact the volunteer care army, a team of volunteers who knocked on the doors of nurses, teachers, doctors, cleaners, business owners and those who were also seeking employment so as to give their family all that they could in life. It was in the conversations I had with my volunteers, and, indeed, the phone calls and doorknocks that I had myself engaged with, that the values which Queensland Labor prides itself on were there in the heart of Bundaberg.

I must take this moment to thank those volunteers who had those conversations, who spent their hours contributing to a cause greater than themselves, who worked themselves to the very last moment of election day and then for a week and a half to the end of the count and then a further two days for the recount as well. There are so many to thank and I will do so in due course, but I would like to mention my campaign manager, Terry Rees, for his tireless efforts, hard work and dedication. It was because of the hard work, the time taken to listen and to give voice to the people of Bundaberg that we were able to draw in election promises that when delivered will completely transform and shape a positive future for every single person in Bundaberg.

These achievements I speak of are: a \$42.5 million upgrade for the Isis Highway; \$42.5 million for the Bundaberg East flood levee that will keep safe the lives and livelihoods of so many across the community; and over \$4 million into our local TAFE for investment into agricultural, horticultural and manufacturing industries. In Bundaberg we saw commitments to local sporting organisations: \$100,000 for surface and facility upgrades at the Kevin Brogden Memorial Velodrome, along with a further \$100,000 for lighting upgrades to Salter Oval, each with commitments from the local council to match the funding by our state government. The Stripey Family—that is, the Bingera Football Club—will receive \$200,000 towards much needed surface and lighting upgrades ready for their centenary year.

The health and wellbeing of all in our community is a topic that Labor governments understand so well and those opposite so little. Bundaberg will be home to a \$15 million alcohol and other drug rehabilitation centre announced by Deputy Premier Steven Miles on his visit to town during the campaign. This is a much needed addition to our region. The commitment to deliver a new hospital is a game changer for the Bundaberg community and will not only deliver the highest quality health care but also create local jobs for local people.

I thank my volunteers, the ministers, the Premier and all those who put their faith in a Labor government at the last election. I am proud to be representing the people of Bundaberg as a member of parliament on their behalf. I have always fought to represent others and have always strived to be the best person that I can be for all of those around me.

Teaching is the profession I first chose. Teaching is about helping young people to learn not only what is in the curriculum but also about life, family, friendship and self-worth. At the end of the day, teaching comes down to representing your students through your actions. If you do not present yourself as ready and interested to engage them in their lives at that moment, they will know that you are not there for them. I offer that as an analogy for representing the electorate of Bundaberg. If I do not, each and every day, show my community that I am ready to work for them and engage them in their lives at that moment, I would be doing them a disservice.

Such a thought process towards my teaching profession and now my role as a representative for the people of Bundaberg has been shaped and guided by many individuals who have had positive influences. As a teacher I have been guided by a gathering of professionals who always sought to put

their students first, earning trust, giving out respect and being rewarded by seeing the growth and steps taken term by term, year by year. They are teachers such as the ever-inspirational Michelle Gault, Wendy Buttsworth, Anne O'Brien, Richard Ball, Lachlan Johnston, Susan Pryor, Deb White, Tonya Holder, Bronwyn Wright, Stephen Keightley, Tim and Michelle Hadfield, Cate McKeown, the unconventional Larry McKeown and the somewhat-voice-of-reason Kristen Pollard. I would also like to note the contribution of the HPE staff at Kepnock State High School, led by Roslyn Coombes. Whilst not a teacher, I pay tribute to a man who gave his all to improving the schooling experience of students, Mr Bruce Kielly. Not all of those mentors and colleagues of admiration would sit with me on this side of the chamber, although I cannot fault the lessons I have learnt from them and their dedication towards a profession that they hold dear.

I now turn to more personal matters to explain the initial course that has brought me to this place. My family instilled in me the values that fuelled my passion to pursue a course of representing an electorate, a community and a grouping of individuals seeking a form of help or assistance that can bring about improvement in their lives. My mother, Wendy Smith; father, Mike Smith; brother, Nick Smith; and my grandparents Carol and John Stroud, better known as Gran and Pop, have had the most profound effect on me from childhood to now. My family are not a family from wealth. They worked hard for every gain in life that they ever earned.

My grandmother Carol left school at a young age and set about working low-paying, hard-tasking jobs. My pop John, for whom my middle name was given, pursued work as a carpenter around the country, finishing one job and then chasing another across our great broad land, with Gran, two kids in tow and a caravan as well. My mum would save five and 10 cent pieces for bread and milk, yet always found a way to ensure that Christmas and birthdays were made more special each year. It is the nature of my mother to always put others before herself. It is no wonder that she is now a councillor, having previously worked in aged care and as a teacher aide in a special school.


It is clear to see where the early influences of my family would lead my values: to become a teacher and to join a political party that reaches for the light on the hill by which we aim for the betterment of mankind. My father shares those values and, as they led him to the Labor Party, his strong teachings of what Labor values are, the values of looking out for others, are what guided me to be a member of the greatest institution and I am so proud to be a member of it: the Australian Labor Party. Along that path I was able to meet friends and mentors to whom I owe a great debt of gratitude: Laura Fraser-Hardy, Rosie Gilbert, Nick Barter, Zac Street, Karen Grogan, Hamish Richardson, Alana Tibbitts, Penni Pappas and, of course, Isaac Cavanagh.

Mr Speaker, as you are aware, before entering this place I was a teacher. I have worked with young people for years as a secondary school teacher and a Rugby League coach. Often the hardest moments of working with young people are when they come to you to tell you of their pain and hurt, and their sense of emptiness and worthlessness. However, it can be in those moments when the successes and important moments of their lives can be shared and can be gained. The moment a student reveals why they carry the physical and emotional scars can also be the moment when they realise that somebody cares. As a candidate at this election I listened to victims of domestic family violence, battlers of impoverishment and disability and people who thought that no-one would care—until suddenly they realised that others do. The great value of my family and the great value of the party to which those of us on this side belong is the value to care for all.

I am inspired by my former students and I am inspired by the constituents I meet every day, but there are two people in my family who inspire me most. I became a teacher to help young people and to make a positive difference in their lives. I am incredibly lucky and honoured to now work for the people of Bundaberg and I will strive every day to make positive outcomes in their lives. However, I realise that I have been fortunate to have those opportunities when so many others have not. My cousin Willow and my brother, Nick, fight some of life's unfair challenges daily just to get near to seizing life's opportunities. My brother has fought and fought his whole life. He has been challenged in ways that would break any ordinary person, but he does not break. While his rather slender physique might not suggest it, my brother is the strongest person I know.

Mr Speaker, there are things in life that you and I are afforded by the sheer random nature of life. I can accept that sometimes the nature of life is to produce an unfairness of sorts for people. My brother and my cousin overcome those unfair challenges by facing what is a matter of their life. However, missing out on the opportunities afforded to you, Mr Speaker, to me and to the members in this House simply because of a postcode, the name of a suburb or the balance of one's parents' bank account is

not something that I will ever cop as fair or a part of life. My brother is a fighter, my union is filled with fighters and Labor governments are fighters. For as long as I sit in this chamber proudly as a member of a Labor government and proudly as the member for Bundaberg, I will fight every day and every way for my constituents and my community to ensure that equal opportunity is afforded to all. I finish by noting that my grandfather John could not be here by one year. Although he is not here, he is loved very dearly and missed as well.

 **Ms BUSH** (Cooper—ALP) (2.17 pm): Mr Speaker, I add my congratulations to you on your re-election and reappointment to the role. I recognise the privilege that comes with the role of being a parliamentarian and stand here today with pride and gratitude to the people of Cooper who have placed their confidence in me. I also stand here with great wonder. This is an incredible place. It is an institution complete with tradition, heritage and ceremony. It is also a marvellous container for change; a space for ideas to be brought forward, contested and ultimately sanctioned—or not—to change the way we live here in Queensland.

One has only to look at what our Premier, Anastacia Palaszczuk, has been able to achieve being the first female leader in Australia to win three elections in her own right. I am proud to join her government as we navigate Queensland through its health and economic recovery over the next term. Importantly, I acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet, who are also the traditional owners from my electorate of Cooper, the Jagera and Turrbal people. I pay my respects to elders past, present and emerging and to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples present today.

I acknowledge my parliamentary colleagues from across all political parties and persuasions. Undoubtedly we have had different journeys to be here. Perhaps we have different values and beliefs, but I would hope we all are here with a shared focus of making Queensland a better, fairer and safer place. I look forward to contributing my unique perspectives, lived experience and the voices of my electorate to ensure that we continue to make the changes that Queenslanders want for our shared future.

The people of Cooper and before then Ashgrove have, for the most part, had strong representation from political leaders, two of whom have played an integral role in enabling me to represent the electorate for the next four years. Jim Fouras was the member for Ashgrove from 1989 to 2006. Jim was an essential part of my campaign. At 83 he is tireless and if you met him you would know that. He came out daily to stand beside me during pre-poll and sang my praises to anyone who stood still.

This parliament will remember with great fondness Kate Jones. Kate was first elected to parliament in 2006. Kate has left such an extraordinary legacy to our electorate. When people talk about Kate, they speak of her deep love of and commitment to the community. This is a legacy I aim to continue. On a personal level, I would not be here without her. I would like to thank her for giving me the confidence to run and for being a constant source of strength and advice. Every new candidate should have someone like Kate Jones in their corner.

As someone who has held quite public and nonpartisan roles before entering parliament, I was often asked during the campaign why I joined the Labor Party. For me, the answer is simple: because Labor, at its very core, is about fairness. I have an unquenchable thirst for justice. I believe that society is only advanced when those who are our most vulnerable enjoy the same privileges as everyone else. I have spent my entire life at the coalface of community and I believe wholeheartedly in the words of Martin Luther King: 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.'

Like many, I come from humble beginnings. I was born and grew in up in Austins Ferry, an outer suburb of Hobart, in the late seventies. My mum worked as a secretary for a retailer when she fell pregnant with me, her first child, in her 20s. In that era, Mum had no option but to resign prior to my birth. There was no maternity leave and no flexible working practices, you certainly could not breastfeed at work and, even if you could return to work, there were no childcare options. Going back to work as a new parent was simply not a choice for the primary carer, at that time mainly women. Accordingly, my mum spent the next 15 years juggling both parenting and numerous part-time jobs. She worked hard in retail and administration as well as fruit picking and aged care, often long hours with challenging conditions, scraping through with just enough money to pay the bills.

My experience of pregnancy 34 years later was far more fair and dignified. Working in the Public Service, I had the opportunity to take paid parental leave and returned to my job, a role with value and meaning, at the same classification on a part-time basis, enabling me to fulfil both roles—being a mum

and maintaining the career I had fought hard for. I would not be standing here now without those working conditions. Whenever someone challenges me on the relevance of unions, I use this as one example. Paid parental leave is something many take for granted, but it and numerous workplace entitlements only exist through the continued and tireless advocacy of our unions.

My dad was a tradie—a painter. My earliest memories are of him dripping with paint and the smell of turpentine. He wore overalls that were so worn and caked with paint that we joked they would be able to stand up on their own. He, like my mum, graduated from school in year 10. The opportunity to go further simply was not there for working-class children at that time. Despite this, or perhaps because of this, he was determined that I would get a good education. When I wanted to pull out of school in grade 10, 11 and 12, he said, 'Just give it another year.' I stand before you now, a lifelong learner with a master's degree—proof of what persistent encouragement and sound education policy can achieve. My father survived on a diet of apples and cigarettes. He was quiet, a deep thinker and a gentle man who forgave easily. To paraphrase Mark Twain, my father never told me how to be a good person; he showed me. He was a man of integrity who stood up for what was right, no matter the opposition. His quiet and steady influence made me the person I am today.

I have spoken now to a number of members about their motivation to enter the halls of parliament. While we all have different stories, consistently there is a message of being called to service—a drive, you might call it, to stand up for our local communities and to leave this world a better place than we found it. I, too, share that passion. My personal background and drive to be here has been well documented and does not need to be detailed again here today, but I do want to speak briefly about some of the challenging moments in my life and how they shaped me and prepared me for the next chapter.

Some 20 years ago my sister and father were murdered. Their deaths came five months apart—different offenders—and both would be categorised as incidents of domestic and family violence. There was no warning, no storm clouds or crash of lightning. The conditions on the days they died were otherwise benign, but life since has been anything but. While most people view homicide through the lens of a news camera at six o'clock in the evening, more than 400 families a year nationwide experience the absolute tragedy of losing a loved one through violence, often at the hands of someone they know, particularly for women and girls.

The deaths of my sister, Jacinta, and Dad were life altering. I changed careers and focused on supporting victims, offenders and their families as they navigated the criminal justice system. I have since worked with thousands of families that have experienced trauma and loss through a range of social challenges throughout Queensland. I have been fortunate to work in both the not-for-profit sector and the Public Service for more than 17 years, giving these Queenslanders a voice.

Something I know is that a person's experience of social justice is not just about the outcome they end up with from a department or an agency; it is also about how they were treated throughout that process. No matter what our backgrounds and life experiences, the minute we in this room walk through these doors and take our seats on the green leather, we have power. I undertake to use this power to consider not only what we can do for people but also how we will do it, because the 'how' really matters.

A lot has changed in Queensland in the 17 years I have been working within the criminal justice system. Successive Labor governments have passed legislation enshrining victims' rights. Victims can and should expect to be believed when they report to police. They have the right to be treated with dignity and to be given information about their case. It sounds simple, but it was not always this way.

In the domestic and family violence space we have seen great reform. In response to the landmark report of the Special Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence, a 10-year reform program to eliminate domestic and family violence in Queensland is underway with initiatives like GPS monitoring for people using violence, specialist domestic and family violence courts and, as recently as this week, committing to legislating against coercive control as a form of domestic violence.

Ultimately, however, the greatest way to support victims of crime is to do everything in our power to stop crime from occurring in the first place. Throughout my working life, I have advocated for evidence based policy and for investing in early intervention with those individuals, families and environments we know are at great risk. The fence at the top of the cliff is far greater than the ambulance at the bottom. I hope to use my position here to continue to improve our criminal justice system to save lives and spare other families the experiences that I and others have endured.

I have spoken about my story and what has driven me personally to want to play a greater role in policy development and shaping the Queensland of the future, but I understand that we are a representative democracy and, first and foremost, my responsibility in this House is to the people who elected me, the people of Cooper. My community cares deeply about education and environmental policy. They want to ensure that our suburbs continue to be a great place to live, work and raise a family.

In the electorate of Cooper we have more than 20 incredible public, Catholic and independent schools. Each punches well above its weight when it comes to delivering outcomes for students. I am a proud product of the state education system and a firm believer that a world-class education should be accessible to everyone, not just those who can afford it and not just those who can access it. World-class education is not just about what happens within the classroom; it is also about ensuring our children and young people are supported to learn. Throughout my career I have worked with young people who sadly do not feel welcome in mainstream schooling. Perhaps their family cannot afford the uniform or they are exhausted from living in a home with violence and cannot concentrate. It may be because they feel the shame of falling behind. While I am proud of the election commitments we have made to invest in additional infrastructure and classroom upgrades for schools in my electorate, what really excites me is the opportunity to work with our school communities to identify and address any barriers so that all of our local children have the opportunity to reach their potential at school.

Mr Speaker, it would interest you to know that about half of the kilometric footprint of the Cooper electorate is declared national park. In fact, it was my predecessor, Kate Jones, who declared the D'Aguilar National Park in 2009. As I doorknocked the electorate it was clear that the protection and safeguarding of our places of ecological significance, including the D'Aguilar National Park, were of critical importance to locals. I love that the Palaszczuk Labor government has a 10-year plan to expand and protect national parks, to preserve our native wildlife and vegetation.

Protecting the environment has always been a priority for Labor, especially this government which has already introduced a number of bold reforms banning the sale of single-use plastic bags and straws, establishing the wildly successful container refund scheme and setting a 50 per cent renewables target by 2030. I am extremely heartened by the way these initiatives have been embraced in my community. That is not to say this is mission accomplished. There is still more to be done. I give my commitment that I will continue to advocate for stronger environmental protections.

When I reflect on where we were this time last year—2019—how blissfully unaware were we of the year we were about to have. As we come through this period, I turn my mind to the learnings and opportunities. One of those is that we as a society have really embraced new ways of working. With so many of us working from home during the peak of COVID-19, we all benefited from a reduction in travel times to work. We walked our dogs, picked our children up from school, mastered technology—some of us mastered it more than others—and still managed to hit our corporate KPIs. We demonstrated just how possible it is to work differently.

Additionally, this year has shown what we can achieve when we focus our efforts, expertise and funding towards the wicked problems of the world. We all have a big task ahead of us to lead the state through its economic recovery. I challenge us all to consider our concepts of recovery. Recovery is so much greater than bouncing back to the way things were before. It is about capturing those learnings and deliberately designing them into any future recovery plan.

A little known fact about me is that I am ceramicist. I am pretty amateur, but let us not label it. One technique in ceramics is that of kintsugi which is the reparation of broken ceramic bowls, vases and cups. It is a Japanese tradition that rather than concealing the cracks in broken pieces they use gold lacquer to emphasise the broken parts. It is a philosophy that I think is applicable to many situations, including this moment in time and how we manage the aftershocks of COVID-19. My hope is that, rather than seeing recovery as a method to just stick things back the way they were before, we choose to closely examine and understand the parts that were broken and emphasise how we will do things differently and that we choose to reconceptualise how we see ourselves and our society in a way which is more inclusive, wise and courageous.

I have so many people to thank. First and foremost, the people of Cooper for putting your trust in me. It is a responsibility I do take seriously. I will work hard every day to repay it. Secondly, my campaign team—Kate Jones, Hamish Greenop-Roberts, Jake Araullo, Greg Moran and Evan Schwarten—who kept me sane and smiling. I thank the many volunteers who came out for me during the campaign. We have seven active Labor branches throughout Cooper. Each one is different, but

they are all flanked with people who care about democracy and human rights and who choose to invest their time, ideas and energy into the Labor movement. Thank you particularly to the Ashgrove branch who really drove our campaign, Terry Evans and Arch Bevis particularly. To Dennis Williams, Clare Webster, Paula Ridler, Bob Hill, Linda Christenson, Christopher Allen, Pema Bastin, Ella Craig and Tyler Rolls, your loyalty and friendship has meant the world to me during this—thank you.

I acknowledge and thank my union—the United Workers Union—Garry Bullock, and the many young men and women who advocate for the rights of workers and particularly our vulnerable workers, those who are in casual work and those in precarious employment. Our unions exemplify the work of standing up for the voiceless. I would like to thank John Battams, the party's president, and Jules Campbell, our state secretary, for their support.

Finally, thank you to my friends, former colleagues and family who have supported me. I am blessed to have a number of loyal and loving people in my life who are guaranteed to keep me grounded throughout the next four years. This includes my brother, Jason; my niece, Lydia; my mum, Marlene; and Will Hansen who have loved and supported me. I am also blessed to have had my partner, Matt, and his daughters, Grace, Annie and Ella, who have become our daughters, in my life for the past 10 years and, of course, our biological daughter, Albie, who tells me every day that I am the best mumma in the world. My intention is that after the next four years she will still be saying that.


A final acknowledgement goes to the people I have loved and lost along the way, and who I know would have given the world to be here: my father, Robert; my sister, Jacinta; my stepmother, Barb Hansen; and my two nannas, Junie and Bev. Sometimes in life's quiet moments I can feel you all tugging me towards a certain direction. My being here is a result of that intervention. I firmly believe that.

I appreciate in this role I will be judged for what I do and what I do not, and I hope that never stops, because the alternative would be so much worse. The alternative would mean we have stopped believing that one person can in fact change the world. I stand before you as one person who will do everything in my power to live up to that promise.

Debate, on motion of Mrs D'Ath, adjourned.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND REHABILITATION AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction

 **Hon. G GRACE** (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (2.37 pm): I present a bill for an act to amend the Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003 and the Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Regulation 2014 for particular purposes. I table the bill, the explanatory notes and a statement of compatibility with human rights. I nominate the Education, Employment and Training Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper: Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation and Other Legislation Bill 2020 [242].

Tabled paper: Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation and Other Legislation Bill 2020, explanatory notes [243].

Tabled paper: Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation and Other Legislation Bill 2020, statement of compatibility with human rights [244].

This bill reintroduces, with no changes, the Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020, originally introduced on 12 August 2020—which happens to be my birthday—as reported in *Hansard* at pages 1955 to 1957, which lapsed with the dissolution of the 56th Parliament on 6 October 2020 and before the Education, Employment and Small Business Committee could complete its inquiry into the bill. This bill provides an important safeguard for first responders entering the workers compensation scheme by introducing presumptive workers compensation laws for our first responders and eligible employees of first responder departments diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, PTSD.

Presumptive workers compensation laws allow easier, more timely access to necessary support and compensation by reversing the onus of proof and deeming an injury to be work related, unless there is evidence to the contrary. Presumptive laws do not create new or change any existing workers compensation entitlements, but instead provide a different pathway for certain claims to access the scheme.

The bill defines first responders as workers or volunteers who respond to time-critical, often life-threatening incidents, including police officers, ambulance officers, firefighters, corrective services officers, authorised officers within Child Safety, Youth Justice staff members, as well as doctors and nurses working in certain areas. It also includes workers performing identical roles in the private sector. The presumption will also apply to eligible employees in first responder departments if they work in a role which exposes them to repeated or extreme details of traumatic incidents.

Due to the unique manner in which PTSD may present in first responders, particularly where there has been cumulative trauma, and to optimise treatment and rehabilitation, the PTSD diagnosis must be certified by a psychiatrist. If a first responder does not have a specialist diagnosis, the insurer will be responsible for arranging and funding this requirement.

The presumption can be rebutted if there is evidence employment was not the cause of the PTSD. However, the reasonable management action exclusion for psychological injuries will not apply to the presumption. I am proud to commend the bill to the House.

First Reading

Hon. G GRACE (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (2.40 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 Education, Employment and Training Committee

Mr SPEAKER: In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Education, Employment and Training Committee.

Portfolio Committee, Reporting Date

Hon. G GRACE (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (2.41 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—


That, under the provisions of standing order 136, the Education, Employment and Training Committee report to the House on the Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill by 12 February 2021.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

CRIMINAL CODE (CONSENT AND MISTAKE OF FACT) AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction

 **Hon. SM FENTIMAN** (Waterford—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (2.41 pm): I present a bill for an act to amend the Co-operatives National Law Act 2020, the Criminal Code, the Gaming Machine Act 1991, the Interactive Gambling (Player Protection) Act 1998, the Legal Profession Act 2007, the Liquor Act 1992, the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000, the Racing Integrity Act 2016, the Wagering Act 1998 and the legislation mentioned in schedule 1 for particular purposes. I table the bill, the explanatory notes and a statement of compatibility with human rights. I nominate the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper: Criminal Code (Consent and Mistake of Fact) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 [245].

Tabled paper: Criminal Code (Consent and Mistake of Fact) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020, explanatory notes [246].

Tabled paper: Criminal Code (Consent and Mistake of Fact) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020, statement of compatibility with human rights [247].

I am pleased to introduce the Criminal Code (Consent and Mistake of Fact) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. The bill and explanatory notes are in the same form as the bill of the same name that was introduced in this parliament on 13 August 2020 and lapsed at the end of the last term of government.

The bill, amongst other things, amends the Criminal Code to implement all recommendations made by the Queensland Law Reform Commission in its review of consent laws and excuse of mistake of fact. The commission's report gave detailed, expert and evidence based consideration to the law of consent and the excuse of mistake of fact.

Whilst recognising the commission's work, I want to acknowledge the voices of those stakeholders who have publicly expressed disappointment that the commission's report and this bill do not go as far as they might have wished to improve women's safety and experiences in the criminal justice system. The commission acknowledged that this complex issue needs to be addressed to change social practices which contribute to sexual violence and goes far beyond what can be addressed by legislative amendments in the area of consent and mistake of fact.

I want to assure those who want to see more done to address sexual violence that the Palaszczuk government's commitment to improving women's safety and experiences in the criminal justice system goes far beyond the commission's review and the implementation of its recommendations. The government's sexual violence prevention framework *Prevent. Support. Believe. Queensland's framework to address sexual violence* states that the government will continue to review and evaluate justice processes and relevant laws in Queensland to ensure that victims of sexual violence are supported and perpetrators are held accountable.

The Palaszczuk government will consult broadly with key stakeholders in the coming months to ensure that we examine the experience of women in the criminal justice system as a whole, to identify possible future areas for reform including attitudinal change, prevention, early intervention, service responses and legislative amendments where necessary.

The bill implements all five of the commission's recommendations by amending the Criminal Code to make explicit four legal principles that can be distilled from the current case law of Queensland. Those principles are: silence alone does not amount to consent; consent initially given can be withdrawn; regard may be had to anything the defendant said or did to ascertain consent when considering whether the defendant was mistaken about whether the other person gave consent; and that a defendant's voluntary self-intoxication is not relevant to the reasonableness aspect of the excuse of mistake of fact.

The bill also implements the commission's recommendation to fix an inconsistency in the Criminal Code by clarifying that the definition of 'consent' in section 348 applies to all offences in chapter 32 including the offence of sexual assault contained in section 352(1)(a). These amendments to the code are intended to strengthen and clarify the operation of the law, ensuring a consistent and correct application of these important legal principles by judges, juries and legal practitioners. A transitional provision provides that the amendments to the code are to apply prospectively to offences in chapter 32 that are charged after the date of commencement but will be able to be applied to offences that are committed before commencement.

The bill also amends the Liquor Act 1992, the Gaming Machine Act 1991 and the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000 to implement the next stage of the government's legislative response to the independent evaluation of the Tackling Alcohol-Fuelled Violence Policy. Amendments proposed align with this objective by enhancing the rigour of the ID scanning and the banning regime in safe night precincts; increasing the minimum duration of police banning notices from 10 days to up to one month; requiring reviews of safe night precincts to occur on a three-yearly basis, to ensure the ongoing effectiveness of those areas; and providing greater transparency and accountability around liquor and gaming machine licensing decisions.

The bill also contains miscellaneous amendments to the Interactive Gambling (Player Protection) Act 1998, the Racing Integrity Act 1998 and the Wagering Act 1998 to codify restrictions on wagering inducements to open and close accounts, consistent with the National Consumer Protection Framework for Online Wagering. Other miscellaneous amendments are proposed to exempt safe night precinct local boards and liquor accords from Commonwealth cartel laws, where they collectively agree to limit alcohol supply or price as a harm minimisation measure; remove the requirement to round down race dividends, allowing punters to receive a minimum dividend, whenever such a dividend is declared; and make a minor, technical amendment to the Co-operatives National Law Act 2020.

Finally, the bill amends the Legal Profession Act 2007. The Legal Practitioners' Fidelity Guarantee Fund, established under that act and administered by the Queensland Law Society, provides a source of compensation for persons who have lost trust money or property due to a dishonest default by a solicitor or law practice. The society may limit the amount payable on claims from the fund to \$200,000 for a single claim and \$2 million for all claims made in relation to a single law practice.

These statutory caps were introduced to protect the fund against the contingency of extraordinary claims which, if paid in full, would result in the fund being exhausted to the detriment of subsequent claims. At the same time, the act allows the society to exceed the caps if satisfied that it would be reasonable to do so after taking into account the position of the fund and the circumstances of a particular case.

Between 2009 and 2016, some claimants did not have their claims against the fund paid in full because of these caps. I thank the Queensland Law Society for supporting amendments to the act to allow those historic claims to now be paid in full. The amendments also provide clear guidance as to when the statutory caps can be applied. I commend the bill to the House.

First Reading

Hon. SM FENTIMAN (Waterford—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (2.49 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 Legal Affairs and Safety Committee

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

Portfolio Committee, Reporting Date

Hon. SM FENTIMAN (Waterford—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (2.50 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—


That, under the provisions of standing order 136, the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee report to the House on the Criminal Code (Consent and Mistake of Fact) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill by 12 February 2021.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

LIQUOR (ARTISAN LIQUOR) AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction

 **Hon. SM FENTIMAN** (Waterford—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (2.50 pm): I present a bill for an act to amend the Liquor Act 1992 to support and regulate the emerging craft beer and artisan spirits industries. I table the bill, the explanatory notes and a statement of compatibility with human rights. I nominate the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper: Liquor (Artisan Liquor) Amendment Bill 2020 [\[248\]](#).

Tabled paper: Liquor (Artisan Liquor) Amendment Bill 2020, explanatory notes [\[249\]](#).

Tabled paper: Liquor (Artisan Liquor) Amendment Bill 2020, statement of compatibility with human rights [\[250\]](#).

I am pleased to re-introduce the Liquor (Artisan Liquor) Amendment Bill 2020. The bill amends the Liquor Act 1992 to create a new commercial artisan liquor producer licence to support independently owned artisan distilling and craft beer businesses. Consistent with the government's tackling alcohol fuelled violence policy, the bill also provides measures to minimise the risk of alcohol related harm.

The Palaszczuk government has committed to improving the regulatory environment for artisan liquor producers as part of the Queensland Craft Brewing Strategy and in response to the recommendations of the entrepreneurial pipeline report. By establishing a new, more suitable licence type, the passage of the bill will support our growing artisan liquor industry, particularly as the state recovers from the impacts of COVID-19.

There are approximately 90 independent craft breweries in Queensland that employ more than 1,700 people and contribute an estimated \$62 million annually to the Queensland economy. It is anticipated this will increase to over \$100 million by 2024. There are approximately 34 independent

artisan distilleries in Queensland which are anticipated to create more than 106 new jobs over the next two years. Currently, most independent brewers and distillers operate under a producer/wholesaler licence. However, the ability for sales to the public under this licence is very limited. Given this, some licensees seek a second liquor licence, such as a restaurant or bar licence, to meet their business needs, which can be costly.

The new artisan producer licence will allow licensees to sell any Queensland artisan liquor for on-premises consumption provided the sale of their own liquor constitutes at least 70 per cent of total yearly sales. Artisan producer licensees will also have the ability to sell unlimited takeaways of their own liquor, accept online orders for their own liquor and sell their liquor wholesale. Current restrictions limiting retail sales to 2.5 per cent of total sales will not apply to artisan producer licensees.

These changes will allow the operation of taprooms and tasting rooms without a second licence and introduce the ability for the industry to promote each other's products onsite. The bill also provides artisan producer licensees with further opportunities to attend promotional events, such as farmers markets, and sell their liquor as samples and takeaways. Sample and takeaway amounts will be limited to minimise the risk of alcohol related harm. Licensees may also apply for a permit to sell their liquor at commercial public events, such as music festivals and sporting events.

Ordinary trading hours for on-premises consumption will be from 10 am to midnight, with available extended trading hours until 1 am. Takeaway sales will be allowed from 10 am to 10 pm. Wholesale sales will be in line with the existing hours under a producer/wholesaler licence.

To ensure the artisan producer licence is only available to genuine boutique producers, liquor production volume limits will apply. To be eligible for the licence, a craft brewer must produce between 2,500 and five million litres of beer at the premises each year. An artisan distiller must produce between 400 litres and 450,000 litres of spirits at the premises each year. Production volumes by companies related to the licensee, such as holding companies and subsidiaries, will be taken into account in assessing maximum limits. To further ensure the artisan producer licence supports independent Queensland businesses, licensees must not be more than 20 per cent owned by a large brewer or large distiller. This is all about supporting small businesses. As the previous minister for small business, this is something that I know will support our small businesses to continue to grow in Queensland and develop a market for their product—but most importantly it will create jobs.

If an artisan producer licensee expands beyond the maximum production volumes or sells their business to a large brewer or distiller, they will become ineligible for the licence and will have to explore different options. To encourage licensees to take up the new licence, the bill proposes transitional arrangements that allow for existing licence conditions to be carried over to the extent they are allowed under the new licence. The application fee of \$1,446 will be waived for producer/wholesaler licensees who take up the new licence before 30 June 2021.

Applicants will be subject to the usual requirements for obtaining a new licence. However, the Commissioner for Liquor and Gaming may waive these requirements if the applicant has previously satisfied them for their premises. The bill also contains supporting amendments in relation to promotional events, a new promotional event condition for producer/wholesaler licensees who are artisan distillers and a new artisan spirit producer permit available to both local and interstate artisan distillers.

I would like to thank the stakeholders who have provided input and feedback on this bill, including those involved in the industry, social health stakeholders, hotel and club peak bodies, and the Small Business Advisory Council. The bill will support the growth, innovation and ongoing sustainability of the artisan liquor sector in Queensland. Craft breweries and artisan distilleries cater to customers wanting to experience a quality bespoke product, and the development of this industry will further cultivate a mature drinking culture in Queensland. I commend the bill to the House.

First Reading

Hon. SM FENTIMAN (Waterford—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (2.56 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 Legal Affairs and Safety Committee

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

Portfolio Committee, Reporting Date

Hon. SM FENTIMAN (Waterford—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (2.57 pm): by leave, without notice: I move—


That, under the provisions of standing order 136, the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee report to the House on the Liquor (Artisan Liquor) Amendment Bill by 12 February 2021.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction

 **Hon. SM FENTIMAN** (Waterford—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (2.57 pm): I present a bill for an act to amend the Acts Interpretation Act 1954, the COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020, the Domestic and Family Violence Protection (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Regulation 2020, the Explosives Legislation (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Regulation 2020, the Electoral Act 1992, the Gaming Machine Act 1991, the Liquor Act 1992, the Local Government Act 2009, the Local Government Electoral Act 2011, the Retail Shop Leases and Other Commercial Leases (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Regulation 2020, the Youth Justice Act 1992 and the other legislation mentioned in sections 37 and 38 and schedule 1 for particular purposes. I table the bill, the explanatory notes and a statement of compatibility with human rights. I nominate the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper: COVID-19 Emergency Response and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 [\[251\]](#).

Tabled paper: COVID-19 Emergency Response and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020, explanatory notes [\[252\]](#).

Tabled paper: COVID-19 Emergency Response and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020, statement of compatibility with human rights [\[253\]](#).

Today I introduce the COVID-19 Emergency Response and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020. The government has moved quickly and decisively to respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 emergency. Part of the Palaszczuk government's response to the COVID-19 emergency has been the COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020, which I will refer to as the emergency response act, and the Justice and Other Legislation (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Amendment Act 2020, which I will refer to as the emergency response amendment act.

Together, these two pieces of legislation have helped to keep Queensland businesses, institutions and the economy moving by facilitating measures such as those necessary to ensure social distancing and to enable a rapid response to any outbreak clusters. However, the emergency response act, all regulations made under the emergency response act, amendments to other acts and a range of statutory instruments are due to expire on 31 December 2020.

The ability to respond rapidly to the COVID-19 emergency has been a key factor in Queensland's sustained low COVID-19 case numbers. It has allowed Queenslanders to enjoy a high freedom of movement, a reopened economy and confidence in our public health response. However, we must remain vigilant and not let complacency set in. Despite overall low numbers of COVID-19 in Queensland, recent events in other Australian jurisdictions, including Victoria and South Australia, and continued large-scale outbreaks around the world serve as a stark reminder of how volatile the situation can be. The government is taking the responsible and appropriate course of action through this bill.

Not everything that is due to expire at the end of this year needs to roll over into 2021. However, there are some very practical pieces of legislation which need to be extended in order to maintain our strong response to the COVID-19 emergency. For example, many regulations provide practical and sensible measures which enable social distancing requirements and other public health directions to

be adhered to during the COVID-19 pandemic. Similarly, the amendments assisting Queensland's adult corrective services and youth detention sectors to operate safely and effectively need to continue should such an outbreak occur again.

The bill ensures that any legislation, both primary and subordinate, which is necessary to respond to the COVID-19 emergency continues past 31 December 2020. The bill achieves this by setting a new expiration date for any such primary and subordinate legislation of 30 April 2021 or an earlier date to be prescribed by regulation. This is encapsulated in the tag term 'COVID-19 legislation expiry date'.

The ability to set an earlier date by regulation provides the flexibility to end the COVID-19 legislation earlier having regard to the current health advice and restrictions in Queensland. An extension of a maximum of four months is considered a reasonable and proportionate response and allows any impact of the opening of domestic borders during the Christmas and new year festive season to be fully assessed as we ease restrictions further. It also provides flexibility to set an earlier date and provides time to evaluate the measures we have implemented. This extension provides certainty, with no other jurisdiction intending to cease their COVID-19 measures before the end of 2020. The date of 30 April 2021 closely aligns with Victoria, which recently extended the expiration of its extraordinary measures until 26 April 2021.

The bill does remove the current expiry date of 31 December 2020 for the emergency response act but, in doing so, does not set a new expiry date. This is to provide for the continued operation of the Queensland Small Business Commissioner and to enable any transitional arrangements which may be required when the COVID-19 legislative measures do, in fact, expire to operate for as long as provided. By not providing a new expiry date for the COVID-19 Emergency Response Act, the bill ensures that the ability to make a regulation pursuant to a power under the act ends on 30 April 2021, effectively turning off those extraordinary powers at that date. The bill also ensures that the ability to make an extraordinary regulation pursuant to a power under the emergency response act ends on the COVID-19 legislation expiry day.

The Retail Shop Leases and Other Commercial Leases (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Regulation 2020 was made to give effect to good faith leasing principles for non-residential leases agreed by the national cabinet and establishes a process for resolving disputes. The leases regulation applies in respect of lease obligations during the period 29 March 2020 to 31 December 2020, and this period is not extended by this bill. The leases regulation was made as a response to the initial shock of COVID-19 restrictions and in many cases it has achieved its desired outcome of encouraging good faith leasing negotiations and enabled rent relief and protection from eviction for lessees. With restrictions easing throughout Queensland, a further extension of the lease protection period is not considered to be justified and this is consistent with the approach that has been taken in relation to residential leases. However, the bill will preserve rights and obligations that have been accrued during the lease protection period up to 31 December 2020 and facilitate the conclusion of any lease disputes that may still be on foot.

The bill will extend the temporary Queensland Small Business Commissioner beyond 30 April 2021. The Queensland Small Business Commissioner has played a critical role in supporting businesses to avoid lengthy and costly commercial leasing disputes during COVID-19 with early information, advice and mediation services. The Queensland Small Business Commissioner is continuing to receive demand for its dispute resolution services. New requests for assistance are continuing to be received. An extension of the temporary Small Business Commissioner will enable leasing dispute matters to be received and finalised.

As we look forward with optimism and hope to a successful vaccine and an end to the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to turn our minds to having appropriate procedures in place to return to normal operations. Therefore, in order to provide greater commercial and legal certainty to stakeholders, the bill inserts a transitional regulation-making power which enables regulations to be made where necessary to return to normal operations in the most effective and efficient way once COVID-19 related legislation is no longer needed.

The bill also includes some specific amendments to further bolster Queensland's preparedness to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. The bill makes amendments to the Electoral Act 1992 to provide flexibility if required to facilitate the holding of a by-election in a way that helps minimise serious risks to the health and safety of the community caused by COVID-19 and the Youth Justice Act 1992 to allow the chief executive to delegate powers to appropriately qualified temporary detention centre employees including those who are not Public Service officers.

The bill amends the Liquor Act 1992 to allow artisan distillers with a producer/wholesaler licence to temporarily sell their own liquor without the need to comply with the usual restriction of only 2½ per cent of total sales able to be made to the public. The temporary amendments only apply to liquor produced by the licensee on the premises. Further, the licensee must only produce between 400 litres and 450,000 litres of spirits at the premises each year to be considered an artisan distiller. It is intended the amendments will only remain in place until the government progresses more comprehensive reforms to support growth in the sector and allow longer term recovery following the COVID-19 emergency.

Lastly, I turn to the amendments to the local government legislation. A number of mayors and councillors have expressed their views that the recent amendments in the Electoral and Other Legislation (Accountability, Integrity and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2020 to provide for a new process under the Local Government Act 2009 for filling vacancies give rise to the possibility that a candidate who only achieved a small percentage of the vote could be appointed to a vacant position. Following consideration of stakeholder feedback, the government made an election commitment to change the process for filling vacancies that arise during the first 12 months of a local government's term. The proposed change will provide for mayoral vacancies in the first 12 months of the local government's term to be filled by a by-election. Where there is a vacancy in the office of a councillor, whether in a divided or an undivided council, the council will determine by resolution whether the vacancy is to be filled by a by-election or the appointment of a runner-up. No changes are proposed to the method for filling vacancies that arise during the middle or final part of a local government's term, as provided for in the recent amendments.

These amendments are supported by the Local Government Association of Queensland and represent a return to the arrangements that have been in place since 2009. It is proposed that these amendments will operate retrospectively, meaning that these current vacancies will be filled in accordance with the new process in the bill. These proposed amendments would mean that for the current mayoral vacancy at the Rockhampton Regional Council, a by-election will be held to elect a new mayor. For the current vacancy in division 10 at the Townsville City Council, the council will have the choice between appointing the runner-up and holding a by-election. The relevant minister has foreshadowed allowing the parliament a more fulsome consideration of how council vacancies should be filled in various circumstances in the future.

In conclusion, this bill represents a measured and proportionate extension to Queensland's legislative response to the COVID-19 emergency and addresses urgent amendments required in relation to councillor vacancies. I commend the bill to the House.

First Reading

Hon. SM FENTIMAN (Waterford—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (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 Legal Affairs and Safety Committee

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

Declared Urgent

Hon. SM FENTIMAN (Waterford—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (3.10 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—

That, under the provisions of standing order 137, the COVID-19 Emergency Response and Other Legislation Amendment Bill be declared an urgent bill and not stand referred to a committee, with all remaining stages to be considered next sitting week.

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (3.10 pm): I oppose this urgency motion—not the content, because we will not get into a debate of the content. Mr Deputy Speaker Kelly, I congratulate you on your appointment as Deputy Speaker. In her introductory speech to this bill the Attorney-General mentioned

local government. It is the hospital pass. I could not help but see her smile, because the Attorney-General drew the short straw in terms of the bill to which this local government amendment would be tacked onto. It is a lucky day for the next minister to introduce a bill, because he does not have to tackle this local government amendment.

The amendment is included in the COVID bill, which is an important bill that should have appropriate scrutiny because it deals with restrictions on people's lives and businesses. That bill will not go through the appropriate committee process. We will not debate sessional orders until next week, so who knows what we will be doing? This amendment will mean in effect that the government, in a history of three years, is picking and choosing which mayors it wants and does not want. What is even more bizarre—this is the reason the bill should not be declared urgent and should go to a committee for proper assessment—is that I just heard the Attorney-General say that the Rockhampton issue will go to a by-election—I cannot even recall the fella's name; I have only seen him referred to in the paper as 'Pineapple'—but in Townsville it will be up to council to decide whether a by-election is held or the councillors will choose. Are we effectively saying with this amendment that in Rockhampton the councillors will not choose—there will be a by-election—but in Townsville the councillors will choose?

Mrs D'ATH: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I believe that the Manager of Opposition Business is now debating the substance of the bill as opposed to the urgency motion before us.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): I will take some advice. Can we confine the debate to the urgency motion in relation to the bill.

Mr BLEIJIE: I am concerned about the contents of the bill. That is why it should not be declared urgent. This government has form with respect to bills being declared urgent and not being referred to committees. We ended the 56th Parliament having a debate about the government withdrawing a bill that it had introduced, and we are starting the 57th Parliament with the introduction of legislation that basically repeals legislation that was just debated in the previous parliament.

It is very good to know that the Attorney-General says that the Local Government Association of Queensland supports the amendment, because it came up with the amendment in the first place—in the original bill, in the first committee process, when everyone warned the government about how dangerous this proposal was. Here we go again: we are now rushing the legislation. We have a committee system in this parliament. Committees have to do their job. When given the opportunity the committees do their job. Whether government listens to committees is another thing, but when the committees work effectively we do not have these issues and we do not have to waste parliament's time with motions to declare bills urgent.

The COVID provisions are time sensitive. I get that. The provisions expire at the end of the year. The government is introducing regulations so we do not have to keep extending the bill. That debate will happen at another time. As COVID has been the biggest issue in Queensland since February or March this year, there should be extra scrutiny of relevant bills, particularly when they deal with people's lives and restrict what people can and cannot do in their family home, in public or in business. Parliament applies appropriate scrutiny by sending bills to one of the committees that is chosen to look at these particular matters.

It is concerning when the government of the day starts picking and choosing whether or not by-elections are held in particular council areas. There should be one rule for all council areas in Queensland. That needs scrutiny and needs to go through a proper parliamentary process. I do not accept the Attorney-General's view that the Local Government Association says this is okay. I am not sure of that; I have not seen the evidence. But guess what? The committee could, because the committee could call the Local Government Association of Queensland as a witness and it could tell everyone publicly how it feels about these amendments.

Without getting into the merits or otherwise of a particular individual who received 30 per cent of the vote and is waiting to be sworn in as mayor of Rockhampton, proper process should be followed. As I understand it, he is to be inducted as the mayor of Rockhampton based on laws that this parliament passed. Whether the government likes it or not, that is the law. If the government wants to change it, due to its seriousness, it should go through a proper process.


Who is to say that in the future there will not be more amendments dealt with urgently? What if the government does not like the mayor of, say, the Sunshine Coast council and wants to abolish or change the position? I am not commenting one way or another in terms of my local mayor, Mark Jamieson. Members ought not to draw conclusions about my use of that particular set of circumstances,

even though we have had our differences. This is serious. Quite frankly, these amendments should be in a bill in their own right. The COVID bill is important. The regulations attached to the COVID bill and the extension of extraordinary powers to the Chief Health Officer should be in a separate bill.

We need to take seriously the amendments that deal with what at this point in time is a duly elected official for a particular role under a law passed by the current government in the previous parliament. I will not cop coming back next week, budget week. The budget will be handed down on Tuesday, so I suspect we will have to debate this bill on Wednesday or Thursday before the opposition leader gives his speech in reply to the budget. That is less than a week. That is a record even for the Labor government—rushed through in less than a week with no committee scrutiny.

Next week, not only will honourable members be dealing with a budget and \$104 billion or \$106 billion of debt; they will also be debating legislation, in the middle of budget week, that has been rushed through without any proper committee process. Because we will not have had the committee process, who is to say that we will not be back here in six months to deal with the unintended consequences of rushing things? That is the problem with rushing bills through. I spoke about that for the last three years when the government kept rushing bills through. I was proved correct every single time, because we would be back here—like we are today—with ministers, having drawn the short straw, begrudgingly moving amendments and taking the Deputy Premier's hospital pass. The Deputy Premier did not want to move the local government amendments so he handballed it to the Attorney-General and said, 'Have this. We need you to fix that.'

The problem is that we will have to keep coming back here unless there is proper scrutiny of these serious issues. We are basically getting rid of legislation that has already been through this parliament and been through a committee process. Someone elected in second place is about to take up a mayoralty and the government is tearing that up. That may be the right thing to do, but let us have proper debate and work it out without the rushed process.

 **Mr WATTS** (Toowoomba North—LNP) (3.19 pm): There are two elements with this urgency motion. We are looking at a piece of legislation that is very serious with regard to our freedoms and other things that people enjoy in Queensland, and that should not be conflated with what is going on in the local government area. As people are aware, it was only a few short months ago that the local government legislation was changed. In fact, if we had not had an election, there would be no ability to correct this because we would not be able to have the same question heard in the same parliament. The consequence of rushing through legislation and not going through a committee process—not allowing our democracy to work appropriately—is of great concern to me and should be of great concern to all Queenslanders.

This government has form with manipulating our democracy to its desired political outcomes, but more importantly than that this piece of proposed legislation has a retrospective clause in it. Therefore, something that was legal changes and this parliament is reaching backwards in time to try to change the outcome of a political process that was put in place by this government because that political process did not receive the appropriate scrutiny and did not receive the appropriate time and consideration of the members of this place. The simple facts are that if the government is going to have both retrospective legislation and legislation that is going to affect how people are governed in the state of Queensland it is incredibly dangerous for that legislation to not receive full scrutiny. If at the very least we cannot get full scrutiny, then this bill should not be guillotined, and we know that the guillotine was dropped on many bills in the last parliament to stop scrutiny and we have seen the mistakes that have come from that.

I am not suggesting at all that what was put forward does not need fixing. It was a mess and many people said that at the time. The day after that change was made my local newspaper said that it would be a perverse outcome in a town like Toowoomba. We could have had a situation, if something had happened to our mayor, whom nearly 80 per cent of the people voted for, where a person with 20 per cent of the vote could have ended up as the mayor. It was a strange and peculiar bill, but it was passed by the government of the day.

Part of the reason that went the way it did is that the ability of this House to scrutinise the legislation was curtailed. Here we are again with a patch on a patch trying to change how our democracy functions without actually letting our democracy function. It is of great concern that there are some elements, as I heard it, in the bill that might not apply the same in all areas. That needs scrutiny. That needs to be looked at. People should have the right and opportunity to voice their opinion about what the government is proposing. That is why we have the committee structure.

The government controls the committees so it controls the outcome of committee reports. The government controls the numbers in the parliament. There is no need to be afraid of the scrutiny. The difficulty we have is that we are reaching back in time with retrospective legislation to change the way our democracy functions in Queensland—something which was changed by this government just a few short months ago—that has led to this perverse outcome.

I am deeply concerned that this parliament is becoming the plaything of the Palaszczuk government and that the democracy of Queensland is being abused on a regular basis through guillotines, retrospectivity, legislation being passed without going to committee and urgency motions because it is inconvenient for the government to come into this place and debate legislation and have committee scrutiny. Looking back through history, there was a not dissimilar parliament. Oliver Cromwell abolished that parliament. The parliament would not do what the dictator wanted, so he just got rid of it. We are starting to head in that direction. We—

Government members interjected.

Mr WATTS: No. Members may well suggest we are not, but the simple facts are when bills are guillotined, when retrospective legislation comes in and when the government will not allow democracy to function, that is exactly where we are heading. We are heading to a point where the people's voice is not heard in this parliament, in its committees or any functions of this parliament. Members opposite might not like that, but that is the simple fact of what is going on here.

This bill should not be declared urgent. It should go through the committee process and the people of Queensland, including many people from the communities concerned, should have their voices heard. It should be scrutinised appropriately. It should be debated well and truly in this place because it is at the cornerstone of the functioning of Queensland. Democracy should be respected by everybody, and that includes all of the members of this House and it includes the minister who is proposing this bill. Mr Deputy Speaker Kelly, I put it to you that this motion should not be upheld because this legislation should not be considered urgent because it is an attack on our democracy, it is an attack on our political process in this place and it should not be tolerated by the people of Queensland. I hope the fourth estate brings it home to the people of Queensland so the government understands that this parliament is not a plaything of the Palaszczuk government.

Ms FENTIMAN: Mr Deputy Speaker—

Mr HART: Mr Deputy Speaker—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): I call the Attorney-General.

Hon. SM FENTIMAN (Waterford—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (3.26 pm), in reply: This urgency motion should not come as any surprise to the opposition. We made an election commitment during the election. Queenslanders absolutely supported us at that election. We have a mandate for these changes. Not just that, we also foreshadowed well and truly ahead of this week that we would be introducing these changes and they would be urgent because the ratepayers in Rockhampton and Townsville and those councils deserve certainty. They deserve that from this parliament. This should come as no surprise to the opposition and I urge members of this House to support the motion.

Mr HART: Mr Deputy Speaker—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Before I call the next speaker, I will just take some advice. The Attorney-General has closed the debate.

Division: Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

AYES, 49:

ALP, 49—Bailey, Boyd, Brown, Bush, Crawford, D'Ath, de Brenni, Dick, Enoch, Farmer, Fentiman, Furner, Gilbert, Grace, Harper, Healy, Hinchliffe, Howard, Hunt, Kelly, A. King, S. King, Lauga, Lui, Madden, McCallum, McMahon, McMillan, Mellish, Miles, Mullen, O'Rourke, Palaszczuk, Pease, Pegg, Power, Pugh, Richards, Russo, Ryan, Saunders, Scanlon, Skelton, Smith, Stewart, Sullivan, Tantari, Walker, Whiting.

NOES, 38:

LNP, 32—Bates, Bennett, Bleijie, Boothman, Boyce, Camm, Crandon, Crisafulli, Frecklington, Hart, Janetzki, Krause, Langbroek, Last, Leahy, Lister, Mander, McDonald, Mickelberg, Millar, Minnikin, Molhoek, Nicholls, O'Connor, Perrett, Purdie, Robinson, Rowan, Simpson, Stevens, Watts, Weir.

Grn, 2—Berkman, MacMahon.

KAP, 3—Dametto, Katter, Knuth.


PHON, 1—Andrew.

Pairs: Butcher, Gerber; Linard, Powell.

Resolved in the affirmative.

DISABILITY SERVICES AND OTHER LEGISLATION (WORKER SCREENING) AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction

 **Hon. CD CRAWFORD** (Barron River—ALP) (Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (3.33 pm): I present a bill for an act to amend the Disability Services Act 2006, the Evidence Act 1977, the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000, the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000 and the other legislation mentioned in schedule 1 for particular purposes. I table the bill, explanatory notes and a statement of compatibility with human rights. I nominate the Community Support and Services Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper: Disability Services and Other Legislation (Worker Screening) Amendment Bill 2020 [\[254\]](#).

Tabled paper: Disability Services and Other Legislation (Worker Screening) Amendment Bill 2020, explanatory notes [\[255\]](#).

Tabled paper: Disability Services and Other Legislation (Worker Screening) Amendment Bill 2020, statement of compatibility with human rights [\[256\]](#).

As the new Minister for Seniors and Disability Services I am pleased to introduce this bill to support Queensland's implementation of nationally consistent worker screening under the National Disability Insurance Scheme. This bill was previously introduced in the 56th Parliament and lapsed on the dissolution of the parliament. I would like to acknowledge the former minister, the former member for Mundingburra, for all of her hard work on this bill and supporting Queensland's transition to NDIS worker screening. The bill was previously considered by the former Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee. I thank the members of the former committee for their consideration and note that a single recommendation was made that the bill be passed. I would also like to express my thanks to all the stakeholders who participated in the committee process.

The bill is substantially the same as the lapsed bill. Minor amendments have been made to ensure the bill operates as intended. This includes, for example, clarifying provisions in relation to notifying NDIS participants in relation to screening outcomes, ensuring review rights are clear and clarifying transitional arrangements that apply to yellow card holders and blue card holders. The bill implements the nationally agreed policy for NDIS worker screening under the Intergovernmental Agreement on Nationally Consistent Worker Screening for the NDIS signed by the Premier on 3 May 2018.

The broad objective of the NDIS worker screening is to help safeguard people with disability from risk of harm by establishing a scheme to screen workers who provide NDIS supports or services. The bill will ensure consistency in safeguards in Queensland and other jurisdictions, including portability of clearances across different roles and employers in the NDIS and the national portability of clearances and exclusions. In addition to introducing a new NDIS worker screening check, the bill will continue existing state disability worker screening for services that are outside the jurisdiction of the NDIS Quality and Safeguarding Commission. This will ensure continuity of safeguards and leverage policy positions under the NDIS worker screening check where possible.

The bill will amend the Disability Services Act 2006 to replace the existing yellow card framework with a new framework for both NDIS worker screening and state disability worker screening. It will enhance the safeguards already in place under our existing systems to screen people working or volunteering with people with disability. The bill will expand the scope of screening that occurs. Under the bill screening will be required for a broader range of people working in risk assessed roles for registered NDIS providers. This includes registered health practitioners and people providing supports to children with disability.

The bill will also strengthen the identity checking process and support a streamlined application process by allowing individuals to make an application for a clearance which must be verified by their employer. In addition, safeguards for people with disability will be enhanced as applicants will no longer be permitted to start work in a risk assessed role for a registered NDIS provider until they are issued with a clearance. This is consistent with the reforms under the blue card system and ensures that the eligibility of people is assessed before they begin working with people with disability.

The bill will also implement a strengthened framework to automatically exclude people convicted of disqualified offences and ensure that risk assessments for other people with assessable information focus on the potential risk of harm to people with disability. The bill will also enable a broader range of information to be considered to ensure a comprehensive risk assessment.

The bill will support the achievement of a significant milestone: for the first time ever, NDIS clearance holders will also be subject to national ongoing monitoring of their criminal history throughout the five-year validity period of their clearance. If a person's criminal history changes, this will lead to a reassessment of their eligibility to hold a clearance. In addition to the additional safeguards introduced by the bill, it will also support the streamlining of processes associated with worker screening checks. For example, cards will be valid for five years and applications will be able to be made through an online portal. Checks will be portable across jurisdictions to support the operation of the NDIS across states and territories. Additionally, the bill supports streamlined processes across the screening system in Queensland. All people working with children with disability will require a blue card and an NDIS clearance. This will ensure the highest level of safeguards for children. A new joint application process will enable people to make a single application for both checks.

Queensland is continuing to work towards commencement of NDIS worker screening in early 2021. The bill enables commencement by proclamation so that we can continue to work with our Commonwealth colleagues and the sector to ensure readiness for commencement. Until commencement, Queensland's yellow card system will continue disability worker screening.

The bill will support providers and workers by introducing a more streamlined system for worker screening. Applications will be able to be made online and employers will no longer be responsible for the identity checking process for the worker screening check. In addition, checks will be portable across states and territories which will make it easier for individuals and providers that offer services in more than one jurisdiction. This will reduce red tape and ensure service providers can focus their time on providing supports to people with disability.

Most importantly, the bill will increase safeguards for NDIS participants. It will mean that individuals need to have an NDIS clearance before they can work with NDIS participants and the check will be more comprehensive and include consideration of a broader range of information. For the first time ever, the criminal history information of NDIS clearance holders will be monitored at a national level to ensure that if there are any relevant changes that indicate a risk of harm, the individual can be removed from providing services.

The introduction of this bill creates significant reform to strengthen safeguards for people with disability in Queensland. This represents a crucial part of implementing the NDIS. The Palaszczuk government is committed to ensuring a smooth transition to the new worker screening framework. My department will work closely with the disability sector stakeholders, peak organisations, service providers and, most importantly, with people with disability, to ensure we communicate the changes under the bill clearly and implement them effectively. I commend the bill to the House.

First Reading

Hon. CD CRAWFORD (Barron River—ALP) (Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (3.41 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 Community Support and Services Committee

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Community Support and Services Committee.

Declared Urgent

Hon. CD CRAWFORD (Barron River—ALP) (Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (3.41 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—

That, under the provisions of standing order 137, the Disability Services and Other Legislation (Worker Screening) Amendment Bill be declared an urgent bill and not stand referred to a committee, with all remaining stages to be considered next sitting week.

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (3.41 pm): Mr Deputy Speaker, you do not have to sigh; it is a relief. This has been through a committee. It has been through the appropriate channels. It has done its due diligence appropriately, as it should. We will support the motion.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

ADDRESS-IN-REPLY

Resumed from p. 89.



Dr ROWAN (Moggill—LNP) (3.42 pm): I begin by acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land on which we are meeting and pay my respects to elders past, present and emerging. Mr Deputy Speaker, I also congratulate you on your appointment to high office. It is indeed a great privilege and honour to continue to serve as the state member for Moggill in the 57th Queensland Parliament. I wish to formally place on record my thanks and sincere appreciation to the residents and constituents of the electorate of Moggill for their ongoing trust and support in re-electing me to be their representative in the 57th Parliament.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank my wife, Jane, as well as Nicholas, Charley, Angus and Lucie for their support and words of encouragement. I specifically acknowledge my mother-in-law, Wendy Nelson. On 10 July this year, my father-in-law, Parker Nelson, suffered a midbrain stem stroke, with a secondary fractured skull and subarachnoid haemorrhage as a result of a subsequent fall. The following 18 weeks were incredibly difficult and challenging as Parker initially survived a prolonged course in the Royal Brisbane Hospital's intensive care unit, followed by a subsequent lengthy admission to the stroke unit and rehabilitation ward. It was an incredible shock given that he was only 75 years old and had always been fit, strong and healthy and had always enjoyed an active lifestyle. Unfortunately, Parker died on 14 November 2020 and his funeral was held this week on Tuesday, 24 November 2020. Wendy's and Parker's daughters, Jane, Sally and Caroline, have all endured an incredibly difficult time, even more so—as all elected representatives would appreciate—given the stress that a Queensland state election campaign can place on families. Parker Robert Nelson was a devoted husband, dedicated father and distinguished civil engineer. He was a stalwart of the Chapel Hill community. He will be missed immensely by all of his family, friends and many in our local community. Vale, Parker Robert Nelson.

I take this opportunity to recognise the service of former Liberal National Party opposition leader, Deb Frecklington, the member for Nanango, and former LNP deputy opposition leader, Tim Mander, the member for Everton, during the 56th Queensland Parliament. I congratulate David Crisafulli, the member for Broadwater, on his ascendancy to the position of Liberal National Party leader, as well as David Janetzki, the member for Toowoomba South, on his appointment to the position of deputy leader of the LNP opposition.

During my previous term as the state member for Moggill, it was a pleasure and privilege to support local residents and constituents with a range of important matters. I also very much appreciated the opportunity to enhance our local community, not-for-profit and sporting organisations. This included securing additional government funding for such organisations. This year, providing ongoing significant health and economic advice and support as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging but incredibly necessary to ensure that local residents were and continue to be well supported.

During the 56th Parliament it was an absolute honour to serve as the shadow minister for communities, the shadow minister for disability services and seniors, and the shadow minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander partnerships as well as the shadow minister for the arts. In particular, it was terrific to be able to work in collaboration with the office of the Hon. Ken Wyatt, the federal Minister for Indigenous Australians, on the federal Morrison coalition LNP government's reformed 16 national Close the Gap targets and other public policy pertaining to improved social, economic, health, educational and employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Being able to achieve bipartisan parliamentary support for the Meriba Omasker Kaziw Kazipa (Torres Strait Islander Traditional Child Rearing Practice) Bill is something that I was enormously proud of as shadow minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander partnerships, given the cultural significance of that reform for Torres Strait Islander communities. As the LNP's shadow minister for disability services, I was also proud to support the disability sector in its quest for the extension of Queensland's Taxi Subsidy Scheme.

I now want to turn to the next four years. There remains a myriad of local infrastructure needs in the electorate of Moggill and across the western suburbs of Brisbane that existed prior to COVID-19 and infrastructure requirements that have had no practical action taken to date by the Palaszczuk state Labor government. I have again written to various reappointed Palaszczuk state Labor government ministers about the Palaszczuk state Labor government's inertia and lack of action over the past five years and how Labor cannot afford to allow policy and funding paralysis to continue for another four years. I have also written correspondence to the Palaszczuk state Labor government about these issues over the past five years, in addition to my advocacy via the Queensland parliament on these matters.

There are a number of main roads and public transport concerns held by residents in the electorate of Moggill. At the core of local residents' concerns is the failure of successive state Labor governments to properly address legacy issues, particularly with regards to adequate traffic planning and the provision of public and active transport services. Since I was first elected in 2015 as the Liberal National Party's state member for Moggill, I have consistently advocated for an integrated road and public transport plan for the electorate of Moggill and more broadly across the western suburbs of Brisbane. In order to bust traffic congestion and enhance public transport, it is essential that all levels of government work in collaboration, whilst also embarking on adequate consultation with the broader community so that the road and public and active transport needs of local residents can be met, both now and well into the future.

With specific reference to the electorate of Moggill, a range of solutions are required to properly address Moggill Road, which is the main state controlled arterial road, so that it may be utilised both as efficiently and as safely as possible by motorists, public transport users, cyclists and pedestrians. Following decades of inaction by successive state governments to sufficiently address growing traffic congestion on Moggill Road and additional impacts on nearby local roads and other arterials, this state controlled road continues to suffer with significant and problematic traffic flow issues. Solutions are urgently required and they must be adequately funded and implemented so as to eliminate traffic congestion on Moggill Road.

It is unfortunate that, despite the federal Morrison coalition LNP government's contribution of \$12.5 million and the subsequent Palaszczuk state Labor government's commitment to match that funding for the upgrade of the Kenmore roundabout, there appears to be continued inertia by the Labor government on getting the project going. There is still a considerable lack of information and community consultation on that project by the Palaszczuk state Labor government. On behalf of local constituents I wish to convey that residents and local businesses are eager to understand more about the planning and scope of the project and wish to be fully consulted on any plans by the Palaszczuk state Labor government. With no official update having been provided, I respectfully ask for a formal briefing on the progress of the Kenmore roundabout upgrade project, including the proposed community engagement, project timelines and process of consultation with key stakeholders, including affected local businesses such as the Kenmore Village Shopping Centre.

Another key concern for residents in the electorate of Moggill has been the need for greater public transport availability and connectivity through the western suburbs of Brisbane. I wish to again reiterate my previous advocacy to the Palaszczuk state Labor government in relation to revisiting public transport bus routes and timetabling. This is necessary in order to better service the evolving demographics of our local area as well as the continued and projected increase in our residential population. This is most pertinent to the suburbs of Anstead, Karana Downs, Mount Crosby and Lake Manchester. In particular, Labor continues to deny public transport to the residents of Karana Downs and Mount Crosby. Greater consideration must also be given by the Palaszczuk state Labor government to the scheduling, quality and frequency of services provided by SeaLink ferries, who are subcontracted by the Palaszczuk state Labor government to operate the Moggill Ferry.

In addition to the provision of sufficient public transport services for local constituents, I believe it is also highly incumbent on the re-elected Palaszczuk state Labor government to ensure the sufficient and safe provision and maintenance of pedestrian and cycle paths, particularly in suburbs that continue to see residential growth and increased road patronage. I respectfully ask that the Palaszczuk state Labor government work constructively and collaboratively with the Brisbane City Council to provide additional and enhanced pedestrian access along state controlled roads in the Moggill electorate. With community consultation undertaken by the Brisbane City Council finding that local residents did not support Brisbane City Council's proposed green bridge for Bellbowrie, the Palaszczuk state Labor government also needs to work with the Brisbane City Council on the feasibility of a multi-use bridge, including for cars, buses, pedestrians and cyclists at Bellbowrie.

I would like to take this opportunity to also once again convey that a considerable level of feedback I receive as the local state member for Moggill is for ongoing maintenance and vegetation requests, including the eradication of branches, weeds and other non-road works on state controlled roads. I have been consistently advised by the government that such requests are only attended to on an ad hoc or limited basis, due to funding and/or other priorities. It would be to the benefit of local residents if there was an increase in the frequency of the maintenance schedule so as to sufficiently address excess vegetation and weed-clearing concerns.

As the Palaszczuk state Labor government commences its third term, I understand that additional forward planning and scoping of Queensland state controlled road networks will continue. I wish to reaffirm my formal feedback that was provided to the Department of Transport and Main Roads' South East Queensland Regional Transport Plan. Specifically, I wish to state that, given the medium- to long-term nature of this plan, it will potentially require the examination of South-East Queensland's gazetted transport corridors held by the state of Queensland and the Department of Transport and Main Roads. Any current or future effort by the Palaszczuk state Labor government to assess, develop, plan or scope such corridors must be undertaken with full community consultation and not simply rely on plans, designs or otherwise that have been previously developed and will likely be decades old if revisited.

I now wish to address the Palaszczuk state Labor government's plans to address local school and educational requirements. It is imperative that the Palaszczuk state Labor government work to urgently address the infrastructure needs of local schools, in particular Kenmore State High School, so that students, teachers and staff can be afforded the resources and facilities they rightly deserve. Kenmore State High School needs a new school hall which adequately provides for the modern needs of students learning in the 21st century and which can sufficiently cater to and accommodate the entire Kenmore State High School student cohort. Library facilities at Kenmore State High School are also in desperate need of an infrastructure upgrade. Consideration must be given by the Palaszczuk state Labor government to enabling the revitalisation and/or redevelopment of Kenmore State High School's J block. It is evident that, whilst growth has continued to occur in the numbers of both parents and students at Kenmore State High School, the purpose-built environments provided at Kenmore State High School have failed to match this growth, including Kenmore State High School's need for a dedicated sports centre, a performing arts auditorium and a student services and administration hub that can incorporate an upgraded school library. The Palaszczuk state Labor government's capital works program needs to include Kenmore State High School.

Whilst the infrastructure at Kenmore State High School must be a priority, it is also essential that the Palaszczuk state Labor government commit to and build a new high school for the western suburbs of Brisbane. Specifically, the Labor government must build a new high school that can service the families and residents of the suburbs of Moggill, Bellbowrie, Anstead, Mount Crosby, Karana Downs and Lake Manchester as well as other surrounding suburbs including Chuwar and Karalee.

In July of this year the Palaszczuk state Labor government announced that a new primary school will be built at an undisclosed location within the western suburbs of Brisbane, potentially in the electorate of Moggill. Whilst this new primary school infrastructure is to be welcomed, it is again important to understand the impacts that this will potentially place on existing local high school enrolments and existing local school infrastructure.

In addition to ensuring the adequate provision and maintenance of local high school educational infrastructure and resources, I wish to again reiterate my previous advocacy to ensure that the school strategic infrastructure plans of all state primary schools within the electorate of Moggill are properly funded and implemented. This is equally applicable to the nine new schools the Palaszczuk Labor government intends to build over the next four years.

Seven of the nine state schools within the electorate of Moggill are independent public schools. This model has been successfully adopted and implemented by these schools, with parents, teachers and staff overwhelmingly endorsing the independent public schools model and the greater autonomy it has provided. On behalf of these schools and their broader school communities, I wish to convey my strong support for the continuation of the independent public schools model and the associated additional funding that is granted by this program. It is unfortunate that there has been uncertainty as to whether the Palaszczuk state Labor government will continue this highly successful model. That is why, for the benefit of local IPS schools, the Palaszczuk state Labor government must commit publicly to preserving and indeed expanding this model.

I would also like to take this opportunity to again stress the urgent need to address the safety of students travelling to and from Brookfield State School, with students often crossing Brookfield Road. Whilst this road is under the jurisdictional control of Brisbane City Council, collaboration with various state departments under the control of the Palaszczuk state Labor government may assist with a satisfactory resolution.

On community and social infrastructure for local community groups and not-for-profit organisations in the electorate of Moggill and the western suburbs of Brisbane, it is important that the Labor government work to address the need for a dedicated community and neighbourhood centre, locally referred to as a western community hub, to ensure that the work and meeting requirements for

multiple community groups can be met via a modern facility that is appropriately resourced. Currently, work is continuing to be progressed by the Brisbane City Council on a proposed upgrade and redevelopment of its community facilities at 98 Brookfield Road, Kenmore Hills. Such work has only been made possible through dedicated funding via the federal Morrison coalition LNP government. Whilst work is progressing to ensure this upgrade can meet the needs of our local community, there remain concerns by certain community groups regarding the potential to adequately cater for the varying needs of many diverse organisations. Therefore, I respectfully request again that the Palaszczuk state Labor government work collaboratively with both the Brisbane City Council and local community stakeholders to ensure that a suitable, modern facility can be provided to service the needs of community organisations in the western suburbs of Brisbane. This should entail the provision of sufficient state government funding and, if necessary, the identification of a suitable location in addition to the 98 Brookfield Road site. I am also of the understanding that Brisbane City Council will be considering its own allocation of specific funding to such projects.

During the recent state election campaign, local community groups were told that the Palaszczuk state Labor government is prepared to commit the financial resources, infrastructure and potentially land and property to facilitate a new community centre for the western suburbs of Brisbane. I respectfully request that, through appropriate communication and consultation with relevant local stakeholders, including myself as the local state member for Moggill, the Palaszczuk state Labor government now proceeds to commit the necessary funds, in collaboration with other levels of government, in order to deliver such a facility.

I am looking forward to the opportunities and challenges ahead, particularly given my recent appointment as the shadow minister for education and also as the continuing shadow minister for the arts. I will continue to champion the development and implementation of sound, evidence based policy. I believe in fostering an educational system which recognises that both personal fulfilment and social responsibility are compatible and that the pursuit of excellence is not in conflict with equal opportunity for all. I also understand the importance of financially sustainable and accessible education and health systems in both the public and private sectors and the importance of open, transparent and accountable performance measurement processes.

I note that the Palaszczuk state Labor government has established a dedicated Minister for Rural Communities and that the Liberal National Party opposition has appointed a dedicated shadow minister for rural and regional affairs.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a very important educational program and, consequently, what has been able to be achieved via sustained professional leadership and government commitment, in this case via a number of federal coalition LNP governments in collaboration with the state government here in Queensland. The Remote Vocational Training Scheme was established in 1999 as a joint initiative of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, RACGP, and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine, ACRRM. Its established purpose is to provide vocational training to medical practitioners in remote parts of Queensland and Australia, thereby ensuring both the highest standards of clinical care and the attainment of college fellowship by distance education while also maintaining much needed medical services in specified communities.

The initial pilot was an outstanding success. Since its inception, there are now well over 400 doctors from more than 300 remote, rural and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Queensland and Australia that have been the beneficiaries of this scheme.


The Remote Vocational Training Scheme is now an integral component of medical workforce training in Australia. It has certainly delivered for many Queensland communities, including Mungindi, Biggenden, Augathella, Alpha, and Dysart, to name just a few. The Chief Executive Officer of the Remote Vocational Training Scheme, Dr Pat Giddings OAM, former RVTS board chair, Dr Tom Doolan, Dr Jacki Mein, Jeanette McLaren, Dr Vlad Matic, Dr Mike Eaton, Dr Murray Towne, Dr Les Woollard and many others are to be congratulated on their efforts over many years.

This program has certainly contributed to closing the gap in Queensland and right across Australia. I would encourage the government in its upcoming budget to again look at the rural generalist pathway in Queensland and the benefits it has delivered for rural and remote communities, not only in improving clinical outcomes but the education it has provided, some of the public health benefits and the community programs that have been implemented.

I conclude my contribution today by acknowledging and thanking the many people who assisted me during the most recent Queensland state election campaign. In particular, I would like to acknowledge my staff, and the many LNP volunteers, supporters and members who have provided

invaluable assistance throughout this year, given its many challenges. My thanks and appreciation must go to: LNP Moggill electorate campaign chair, Leigh Warren, and her husband, Chris; Daniel Downes; Thomas Cunningham; Annabel Freemantle; Amanda Strachan; Moggill state electorate council chair, Paul McMonagle; SEC executive members, including Treasurer, Aenghas Hopkinson-Pearson; federal member for Ryan, Julian Simmonds MP; Alyson Richards; Bec Docherty; Councillor Greg Adermann of the Brisbane City Council Pullenvale Ward; local LNP branch chairs; booth captains; booth workers; local LNP members; volunteers; and scrutineers. I certainly could have not retained my seat of Moggill without all of the hard work and assistance that many people provided over many hours and particularly given the challenges we have seen this year.

I look forward to the challenges and opportunities of the 57th Parliament as the Liberal National Party's shadow minister for education and shadow minister for the arts as well as the opportunity to continue to represent my local area and its constituents as the state member for Moggill. I am looking forward to the budget being delivered next week. I would encourage the Palaszczuk state Labor government to urgently fund the infrastructure that is needed in the western suburbs—transport and main roads infrastructure, school infrastructure and infrastructure for a community hub. These are certainly things that have been needed for a long time. Local residents are certainly looking for that commitment via the state government. It is time that the state government acted. It is time that the state government came forward with those financial resources and allocated those to the electorate of Moggill and right across the western suburbs of Brisbane.

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (4.02 pm): It is both humbling and a great honour to rise in this place for the second time, in the same year, and to have won the trust and responsibility of representing the community of Bundamba. My first acknowledgement and deepest respect is to the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we gather, the Yuggera and the Turrbal peoples, their elders past, present and emerging. I am immensely proud to once again join my two deadly sisters, the members for Algeester and Cook, as the three First Nation members in the Palaszczuk Labor government.

I want to congratulate the Premier and acknowledge and congratulate the new members of this place, and particularly the members for Stafford, Pumicestone, Mundingburra, Caloundra, Bundaberg, Cooper and Nicklin. I wish to congratulate all returned members and pay tribute to the former members for South Brisbane, Stafford, Mundingburra and Cooper. I look forward to working with all members of the 57th Parliament to discuss and debate the laws and issues that matter to our communities and to Queensland.

It is good to see far more members physically present in this House compared to when I gave my inaugural speech in this place. We have come a long way over the short months since March 2020 when COVID really took hold, even though it may seem like a lifetime ago. Queensland has done, and continues to do, a remarkable job in working together to respond to the challenge of coronavirus. Under the considered and strong leadership of the Premier, acting on the expert medical advice of the Chief Health Officer, we are now in a position to look forward and start to rebuild and recover.

We are committed to keeping Queenslanders safe and in work, and we have a comprehensive plan that we took to the people of Queensland at the last election. Locally in Bundamba, the strength, resilience and spirit of our community has shone through during the course of the pandemic, including when the virus reappeared in our community only a few months ago. As we begin to rebuild our coronavirus impacted economy, never has it been more important to provide as many secure, local jobs as possible. As a government we are committed to doing that.

Our plan to keep Queenslanders safe includes continuing to invest in world-class health services in Bundamba. More than 450 new nurses, doctors and health professionals will support our local community under our commitment to hire 9,475 additional frontline health workers, as part of growing our record numbers of health workers across Queensland. We have also committed an additional \$46.5 million for new world-class health services at Ipswich Hospital which will deliver a brand new alcohol and drug rehabilitation service, a dedicated mental health and paediatrics area in the emergency department, a dedicated obstetric theatre and more renal dialysis and nephrology services. As part of our \$265 million commitment to build seven new satellite hospitals, \$40 million is set aside for one in our local Ipswich community which will provide services including: renal dialysis and chemotherapy; child health and youth services; and urgent care for minor injury and illness.

We are continuing to keep our community safe with 150 additional police officers and a brand new mobile police beat as part of the biggest investment in community safety in Queensland in over 30 years. We will also deliver a new ambulance station to service our local community in the

fast-growing Ripley Valley and we will welcome a brand new fire station with full-time firefighters to support our local community, complementing existing services at Bundamba and Ripley, through a new station at Augustine Heights that will deliver more jobs for local tradies during construction and more jobs for firefighters and support staff once operational. We have kept Queenslanders safe during the pandemic and we are committed to record frontline emergency services to continue the job.

The Palaszczuk government will always invest and commit to providing world-class education. We have backed our local schools, students and staff and created jobs with over \$1 billion for new and upgraded facilities across our local community and right across Queensland. I am proud to recently be at the official opening of our new \$70 million Ripley Valley State Secondary College and the \$50 million Ripley Valley State School. I am pleased that tenders are soon to be called for the stage 2 expansions of the Ripley Valley State School and the Ripley Valley State Secondary College. This will support more than 120 jobs in our local community during construction. Stage 2 of the Ripley Valley State School will deliver additional prep spaces and classroom and the Ripley Valley State Secondary College will receive an information services centre, additional learning spaces, a science centre and a performing arts centre, with construction to start in 2020 or early 2021.

I was also very proud to celebrate the opening of St Ann's School in Redbank Plains recently. It will benefit from a further \$2 million funding boost to support the construction of a new D block, which will include four new classrooms, along with the conversion of the block A covered lunch area into two multipurpose spaces. Redbank State School will benefit from a \$500,000 upgrade for a new outdoor learning area as well as general refurbishments and more resources for this wonderful local school. We are delivering a further \$42 million for world-class education across our local community, including: additional classrooms at Bellbird Park State Secondary College; new classrooms at Fernbrooke State School; and upgraded parking at Redbank Plains State High School. We are also preparing for future growth, with funding for planning additional schools in Ripley, Redbank, Redbank Plains and Augustine Heights as part of our \$1 billion Great Schools, Great Future program.

We have also committed to a record 6,190 new teachers and 1,139 new teacher aides in this term of government and that means a world-class education for every child and supporting quality teachers in every school. Bundamba kids deserve a world-class education and, as our community continues to grow, I will continue fighting for the upgrades and investment needed for our local schools.

We have already invested \$400 million in the stage 1 upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway, which is on time and on budget and, critically, supporting over 470 jobs. We are getting on with a further \$400 million in upgrades to the Warrego Highway including the Mount Crosby interchange, plus important futureproofing planning, as well as safety upgrades to the Cunningham Highway and local roads.

Once again during this campaign I spent time at every train station in Bundamba talking to locals on their daily commute. It filled me with pride to hear the positive feedback from our community on the upgraded services that we have already delivered in my relatively short time as the member for Bundamba. This includes extra rail services, an accessibility upgrade to the platform at Redbank and the completion of our \$3 million expansion of the Ebbw Vale park-and-ride.

We are forging ahead with installing digital timetable screens at Redbank, Goodna and Dinmore stations. I am pleased to inform the House that the Bundamba train station will receive a full \$38 million upgrade including a new footbridge with lifts, raised platforms, accessible carparks and a new bike enclosure which is going to deliver 250 local jobs during construction. I am proud that we are making our publicly owned train network accessible for everyone, and our record \$23 billion transport and roads program will support 21,500 Queensland jobs.

In a big boost for community sport, our local clubs will share in \$90,000 under our Active Restart Infrastructure Recovery Fund. This means that the Raiders Softball Club, Central Districts Cricket Club, Collingwood Park Power, Goodna Netball, Goodna Gladiators Rugby Union, NexGen Roller Sports Club, Rebels Softball, Bundamba Strollers Cricket Club and Woogaroo Swimming Club will share in the purchase of new equipment and upgraded infrastructure. I want to send, and also place on record, my congratulations to the mighty Goodna Eagles for their recent victory in the Volunteer Cup in Ipswich.

I want to thank the members and officials of the Electrical Trades Union for their ongoing and unwavering support, led by the secretary Peter Ong. I am truly grateful for your support and belief in me and the Palaszczuk government. Back in March in my inaugural speech in this place I paid tribute to a friend and former state secretary of the ETU who was at the time continuing his longstanding battle with cancer. It fills me with much grief and sadness to speak today of his passing. He was a leader

whose vision, values and heart will continue to inspire many for years and decades to come. I extend my deepest condolences to Penny, Glenn and his family. Peter Simpson 'Simmo': 'I'll miss you, mate. Rest well. You've earned it.'

The prospect of losing a loved one is one of the hardest things. That is why we have committed \$171 million for more nurses, more resources and more care for individuals and families confronted with the reality of palliative care. We will also introduce laws for voluntary assisted dying so Queenslanders will be empowered to consider all options available, in consultation with their medical professionals, on what is a profoundly complex and personal journey.

I am also humbled to be given the additional responsibilities of being the Palaszczuk government's Assistant Minister for Hydrogen Development and the 50% Renewable Energy Target by 2030. Our plan for a strong and safe recovery includes \$51 billion in infrastructure that will deliver over 55,000 jobs—and renewables and hydrogen will be a key part of that.

Our 50 per cent renewable energy by 2030 target has been critical to delivering the lowest energy prices on the east coast. We have over 40 large-scale renewable energy projects worth over \$7.8 billion in investment that has delivered over 6,500 construction jobs. We have committed \$145 million to unlock three Queensland renewable energy zones—North Queensland, Central Queensland and South West Queensland. Locally in Bundamba we are putting solar on our public schools. We have record numbers of household PVs that are driving down people's electricity bills, and we have one of CleanCo's, our publicly owned clean energy company, generators right there in Bundamba. These zones will coordinate and foster renewables by supporting the delivery of transmission infrastructure and attracting industrial energy users to create more jobs in Queensland and particularly in regional Queensland.

We are well placed to be a world leader in both renewables and hydrogen. Hydrogen can deliver significant economic, employment, energy and environmental benefits. As part of our \$19 million Queensland Hydrogen Industry Strategy, our \$15 million Hydrogen Industry Development Fund is helping deliver essential pilot projects for this exciting new industry. We need to deliver industrial zones and hydrogen hubs powered with cheap and clean energy because that means more secure full-time manufacturing jobs. Hydrogen produced from renewable energy is widely considered to be the ultimate clean renewable fuel. With our abundant renewable resources, skilled workers and renowned know-how, we are perfectly poised to be the world leader. I very much look forward to supporting the minister, the member for Springwood, and the Premier and Deputy Premier in keeping Queensland at the forefront of both renewables and hydrogen.

I would also like to thank my family—my mother, Elizabeth; my father, Patrick; and my siblings—and my friends, particularly Susanne, Jagdeep, Pete and many more. Of course I need to acknowledge the unwavering support and work of my campaign team. To my campaign director, Stuart Traill: you did a magnificent job and I cannot thank you enough. To my local branch members and volunteers: you have my infinite depth of gratitude. A majority of you have been called on twice this year—first for the by-election in March and then for the general election that we have just had, with a pandemic thrown in the middle for good measure.

I also want to pay special tribute to one particular volunteer by the name of Thomas Campbell. This is a bloke who puts others above himself at all times and, in the face of great personal challenge and difficulty, was very generous with his time and his commitment to my campaign. Then he was unfortunately one of the victims of the election day storm that passed through Bellbird Park and Springfield. I particularly want to acknowledge Thomas and his family: thank you. I also want to acknowledge Milton Dick and Shayne Neumann for their support and the members for Ipswich, Ipswich West and Jordan. I look forward to continuing to work together to deliver for our community.

I am committed to working tirelessly to make Bundamba and Queensland a better place for all of us, regardless of who you happen to be or where you might come from. I am here to ensure that we get the services and infrastructure that our growing community deserves. I will continue to work for our community to ensure that it stays safe, has jobs and has the very best in services like education, training, healthcare and public transport.

The people of Bundamba have once again put their trust in me and the Palaszczuk government. I will continue to be a tireless fighter for our community and ensure that everyone gets a fair go—a fair go that means the opportunity to be able to work and live in a community where you and your family have access to quality services and can get help and support when you need it. That is what Bundamba will get from me and what Queensland will get from the Palaszczuk government.



Mr LANGBROEK (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (4.18 pm): Mr Deputy Speaker Kelly, I wish to begin with some general acknowledgements that include you and your appointment to the Deputy Speaker position. I have had the pleasure of working with you on the Ethics Committee in a previous parliament as a stand-in for members on my side. I want to congratulate you.

The first part of my speech will be general acknowledgements. Then I want to speak about election issues to do with the Electoral Commission of Queensland, specific issues related to the Gold Coast and COVID over the last six months and other issues on the Gold Coast. Hopefully, time permitting, I will speak about some conduct in parliament that I would hope to see in the 57th Parliament. I also pass on my good wishes to His Excellency the Governor Paul de Jersey and Mrs Kaye de Jersey who were here yesterday. I also congratulate the Speaker, Curtis Pitt, the member for Mulgrave, on his reappointment. I think we showed yesterday our commitment to working together in the 57th Parliament with the member for Mulgrave as our Speaker.

It is a real pleasure to come here for my seventh term in the parliament, having been in seven elections and one by-election. It is really quite remarkable to enjoy being here, given that I was never supposed to be here according to the experts. I note that the member for Hill is here, and he is someone else who came with me into this place in 2004. I think he and I were equally surprised to be here in 2004 as one of an intake of 13, and we are still here. After the member for Maroochydore, we are the longest serving members of the parliament, and that is something I have great pride in. I love the place. I love the staff. I just said to the Clerk that the staff did a remarkable job yesterday at the opening. I want to pass on my thanks to them and mention how seamlessly it went. It was a wonderful day. The catering was fantastic. The general joy and happiness of all the staff is something we all really appreciate. I have heard some of our new members speak about how generous the staff are and have been. That is something I have noticed over 16 years, nearly 17 years. It really is something we all should be appreciative of.

I acknowledge all of the new and returning members and of course the ministers, the Premier and the Deputy Premier who have been elected and appointed. I specifically acknowledge the ministers to whom I have been given shadow portfolio responsibilities. The member for Algester is the Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts, and I have responsibility for communities there. The member for Barron River is the Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships—and I neglected to acknowledge that at the beginning of my speech—and I will have responsibility for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander partnerships. I think Uncle Joe Kirk did a very nice acknowledgement in the red chamber on Wednesday. His acknowledgement of previous governments as well was something that was appreciated, plus the passion with which he spoke. Uncle Des Sandy was there, as well as others I have got to know over the years, which was also very nice. Finally, the other part of my responsibility is held by the member for Nudgee, the Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs, or as we are calling it multiculturalism. That is a very diverse group, so estimates is going to be interesting, and that is coming after the budget next week.

As the shadow minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander partnerships, I want to congratulate the three Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander MPs—the member for Cook, the member for Bundamba and the member for Algester. It is a great privilege to be elected as a representative of your community and with that comes responsibility. That means we need to lead the way when it comes to inclusion and harmony, so we must not exacerbate tensions or inflame debate with inaccuracies and sweeping claims. It is a little bit of a sour note that I note over the last couple of days the member for Algester has made a couple of tweets and LinkedIn posts about referencing the 1967 referendum as giving citizenship to Indigenous people, but it is not true. It is really important, as I say, that when we are leading we need to make sure that we do not rewrite history—that we learn from it and ensure that we do not repeat its mistakes. I want to point out that the 1967 referendum did not grant Indigenous Australians citizenship, the right to vote or wage equality. It approved—

... the proposed law for the alteration of the Constitution entitled 'An Act to alter the Constitution so as to omit certain words relating to the people of the Aboriginal race in any state so that Aboriginals are to be counted in reckoning the population'

Indigenous Australians were actually granted automatic citizenship when the Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948 came into effect on Australia Day 1949. There is no doubt that the 1967 vote sparked much debate and activism around improved rights and welfare for Indigenous Australians. After the referendum, ATSI families could access social security benefits, war pensions, child endowments and children's pensions. It removed section 127 of the Constitution—

Government members interjected.

Mr LANGBROEK: I am just stating the facts because it is important, as I have said, that we learn from history and that we ensure we do not repeat its mistakes. We must build our understanding on accuracy. There is still a long way to go.

As a former minister for education, I was proud to sign up to Closing the Gap targets with federal Labor as part of an LNP government. Under our watch when I was minister for education, there was increased Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation in early childhood programs because they were sadly lacking. That was the best concrete step to improving educational outcomes for Indigenous children in Queensland. I look forward to working with all members and those three members opposite to continue improving partnerships between government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to ensure a healthier, happier future for all Queenslanders.

I now want to turn to issues of the election and specifically those to do with the Gold Coast. I note that, after the difficulties in the local government elections in March, there certainly were a lot of improvements from the Electoral Commissioner, Pat Vidgen, and his staff. I want to specifically thank the returning officer in my own area, Bob Howie, and his staff. In Surfers Paradise the election was conducted very civilly. There were minor issues on election day in a couple of booths where some Electoral Commission officials drove around telling us that signs were the wrong size and subsequently that was proven not to be the case. We removed them, but when you are in the middle of an election day it is very difficult to get them back up. Mr Howie did apologise to me about that. Some of those inspectors for ECQ were not aware of the rules but tried to enforce them and that was pretty frustrating. The rules are meant to be followed and we try to follow them and do the right thing, but it is very frustrating when they are doing things like that and they are proven to be wrong.

I want to also acknowledge the efforts of the former leader of the opposition, the member for Nanango, and Tim Mander, the member for Everton, for their efforts in the election campaign. They worked very hard. I know what it is like to be the leader in a crisis but not a crisis that went basically for seven months. That was a very difficult situation, and I want to acknowledge their efforts. On the Gold Coast, we did have a very good result, with 10 out of 11 seats in the parliament. We obviously need to address the other issues in the rest of Queensland, when we have 24 seats out of 82 in the rest of the state. The Gold Coast remains steadfastly LNP, and that is something where I want to acknowledge my local volunteers.

I think the issue is that the Gold Coast is a Queensland city but it is first and foremost an Australian city. Most people have come from somewhere else, whether it is interstate or overseas. Migration has been the key to our growth over the last 50 years. These families value enterprise, hard work and initiative. They do not expect a handout. They want government out of the way so they can focus on their family, lifestyle and improving their businesses in areas of development, retail, tourism, education and health and the industries that support these. Nowhere has been as badly affected as the Gold Coast through these last seven months.

Last week the *Gold Coast Bulletin* had a forum of community leaders and they said that many businesses are down 60 per cent, and that cannot continue. There is a lot of relief now that the borders are going to open, but there is a lot of pain in a lot of businesses there. I want to specifically mention some of them, and I mentioned them in a newsletter just before the election campaign, including Nuccia Fusco of Costa D'oro Italian Restaurant and Sarah Colgate of Aquaduck, which most people would be aware of. They were down to 10 and 15 per cent of their business. It was well documented that the Gold Coast Airport was down to about five per cent. That newsletter features Sarah Colgate from Aquaduck Gold Coast and Airlie Beach as well as Lincoln Testa from Madisons Cafe. I table a copy of my newsletter, which was all about supporting local business.

Tabled paper: Newsletter of the member for Surfers Paradise, Mr John-Paul Langbroek MP, titled 'JP's Journal' [\[257\]](#).

That is something I will continue to do as a former small business operator myself. Those people are really feeling very frustrated. That is because those opposite want to make claims on the Gold Coast. They make flying visits to the Gold Coast for press conferences, holding their retreats there, schmoozing the same 20 to 30 business leaders, councillors and journalists, giving them a bit of dirt on the LNP characters down there because there are no Labor characters there. They do not have any policies for the Gold Coast.

The best proof that they had no policies for the Gold Coast was what happened during COVID: the crime spike, the hooning that continues because our police at the Gold Coast have been completely preoccupied with manning either quarantine hotels or the borders. That is also something that caused a lot of fear for a lot of my residents. Of course, we have four quarantine hotels in Surfers Paradise: the Crowne Plaza, the Sofitel, the QT and the Voco. All of those have police stationed outside them in great

numbers for hours and hours—24/7. That was also very frightening for a lot of residents including those who were concerned about schoolies and the fact that schoolies was potentially still going ahead. That concern came about when people suggested that apartment blocks were like vertical cruise ships. After the earlier issues with the cruise ships and COVID-19, that created a fair bit of concern amongst people who are resident in central Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach where there are a lot of high rises; a lot of people live in them.

Gold Coasters do not forget that the Premier said that Queensland hospitals are 'for our people' and that the former tourism minister said, 'Gold Coast schools don't need air conditioning; they've got sea breezes.' Gold Coasters reject the policies of envy and division. We just expect our fair share, but we could not get it during those times when our local police were unable to deal with the number of crimes occurring.

I am going to read from a recent Facebook post. This is about the area where I live. There are constant complaints in groups such as on Facebook and WhatsApp from people who live in Clear Island Waters, Benowa Waters, Sorrento, Isle of Capri and Paradise Waters about criminals going into people's houses, into their yards, stealing from their cars, stealing bicycles and jumping fences. It is very scary for a number of people in those groups who have now engaged private security. That is what they feel they have to do because police have been too busy at the quarantine hotels and on the border.

A good example of this happened just a few weeks ago at my children's former school, at St Vincent's. A car was stolen and subsequently sighted by a resident. However, the police were unable to attend when they were advised that the stolen car had been identified in the local area. The driver proceeded to go into the school car park. Someone recognised the car. I quote—

The driver proceeded to get aggressive and put the car into reverse—
when he was confronted by someone I know—

barging the resident's vehicle as he hurriedly backed his car back to avoid being hit. ...

While this drama was unfolding ... Police ... were called via triple zero and were advised a vehicle would be sent ASAP. 15 minutes passed before Police called back to advise a vehicle wouldn't be sent and the residents would need to go to the Police station to file a report.

Meanwhile, this all happened in the car park where someone was basically driving into other people's vehicles and refusing to stop, and the offender managed to speed off in the stolen vehicle. These things are happening. It happened to Luke Bradnam last night or the night before at the Gold Coast; his car was stolen from the end of Cavill Avenue while he was doing a weather report. That is what is happening. There are a lot of juvenile offenders. My local police resources have advised me that they are the same offenders. Once they are apprehended the magistrates tell them to stay home. They are ignoring that and are coming back to the Gold Coast, stealing more vehicles and creating more havoc before being released again. That is very, very frustrating and shows that we need more resources at the Gold Coast in policing. That is something that Labor has refused to provide. The proof of that has been the increase in contact with my office throughout this period of COVID and beyond. There are so many people who have been frustrated by what has been happening in our local community.

I was on pre-poll at one stage. This is how the Labor Party regards the seat of Surfers Paradise. I was handing out at pre-poll one evening and the former candidate from the 2017 campaign came up. As my volunteer tried to give him a how-to-vote card I recognised him and said, 'Hello, Tony Walker.' He said he had to hear about the new candidate for Surfers Paradise being chosen by reading it in the paper. He was so frustrated that he said, 'I'm thinking of voting One Nation.' That was fantastic to have Labor giving their support. Someone who had had a go last time does not get another go.

The Gold Coast rejected identity politics after flirting with it in 2001 and since then, when I defeated an independent former mayor in Surfers Paradise in 2004. Let's have a quick look at the numbers. Labor think they are making inroads into the Gold Coast.

Ms Bates interjected.

Ms Grace interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order, members. Pause the clock. The member for Mudgeeraba and the member for McConnel will cease their interjections across the chamber.

Mr LANGBROEK: I table a copy of the article I was referring to earlier about the incident at St Vincent's.

Tabled paper: Extract, undated, from the Twitter account of the member for Surfers Paradise, Mr John-Paul Langbroek MP, in relation to local crime [\[258\]](#).

I just want to read into *Hansard* the Labor primary vote numbers in Gold Coast LNP seats from 2017 and 2020: Broadwater 23 per cent, this year 26.5 per cent; Burleigh 34 per cent, this year 36 per cent; Coomera 31 per cent, this year 36 per cent; Currumbin 36 per cent, this year 35 per cent; Mermaid Beach 25 per cent, this year 30 per cent; Mudgeeraba 23 per cent, this year 26.5 per cent; Southport 30 per cent, this year 35 per cent; Surfers Paradise 22 per cent, this year 25.5 per cent; Theodore 31 per cent, this year 38 per cent; Bonney 36 per cent, this year 32 per cent. I give a special shout-out to the member for Bonney, who had a primary vote increase of nearly 10 per cent. That is quite remarkable.

Someone else I want to acknowledge amongst all my Gold Coast colleagues is the member for Currumbin, who, like the member for Bundamba, has fought two elections within a year. The Gold Coast remains steadfastly LNP. That is thanks to many of my volunteers and my supporters; Trent Belling, my campaign director; and my other major volunteer, Lynda Woods, who was the campaign treasurer; Juval Stephens; my staff; family and friends; and the volunteers.

Mr Stevens: Mermaid Beach.

Mr LANGBROEK: All my old friends; I have referred to them.

Mr Nicholls: They're all old.


Mr LANGBROEK: When you have been here 17 years, they are starting to all be old. I now want to turn to the ECQ. I want to table a copy of an email from my daughter who lived in Geelong who said that she scanned copies of a postal vote that arrived on 2 November. There is also a screenshot of an email from the ECQ from 8 October, which is when she requested the postal vote. She requested it on 8 October but did not get it until 2 November—after the election. I table that.

Tabled paper: Email, dated 4 November 2020, from the member for Surfers Paradise, Mr John-Paul Langbroek MP, regarding his daughter's postal vote [\[259\]](#).

Tabled paper: Electoral Commission Queensland ballot paper [\[260\]](#).

I hold here my mother-in-law's ballot paper for the seat of Maiwar, which was not received until after the election. How many other Queenslanders missed out? My mother-in-law is 91 years old. She requested a postal vote but did not receive it till after the election.

There are things that need to be improved. Under the leadership of David Crisafulli and David Janetzki we will continue to hold this government to account because we know that we can do better. The LNP will always strive to work hard to represent all Queenslanders. I want to congratulate them for their ascension to the leadership. I stress what a great team it is and I am proud to be part of it. As I near my 17th anniversary of my election to this place I say how much I love being in the parliament. I love being part of the LNP, Surfers Paradise, the Gold Coast and Queensland in general.

 **Mr MADDEN** (Ipswich West—ALP) (4.39 pm): Mr Deputy Speaker Kelly, I begin by congratulating you on your appointment. The Deputy Speaker is an important role of this House in the 57th Parliament. I also acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet. It is an absolute honour to return to the Queensland Legislative Assembly to represent the residents of the electorate of Ipswich West for the third time. I thank the residents of Ipswich West for placing their trust in me once again. I have many people to thank for this achievement, but before I do so I apologise in advance to anyone that I should have thanked but neglected to do so.

First I thank my loving parents, Bryan and Gabrielle Madden. Both have passed away, but I know that without their love and support I would not have had the upbringing and the education required to become a member of parliament. Dad passed away in 1981, decades before my political career began to take form, but thankfully my mum was able to see me elected as a councillor with the Somerset council on 28 April 2012—coincidentally, her birthday—and also to state parliament on 31 January 2015 before she passed away about one year later.

While my parents were my life teachers—literally in the case of my mother, who taught me in grade 3—my brothers and my sister have been my life companions, always willing to help and full of encouragement and love. My brothers, Peter and Dennis; my sister, Anne Marie; and my brother-in-law, Peter Thompson, are always there to support me. While I lost my brother Brendan in 2014, I know that he is always with me in spirit.

I also need to acknowledge the love and support I receive from my surviving aunts and uncles: Barry and Wendy Gratton, Marie White, and Bill and Carmel Casey. As well, I wish to thank my Madden cousins Geoffrey Madden, Therese Trace, Carmel Hudson, Irene O'Doherty and Marilyn Spannagle for

their ongoing support and encouragement. I also need to thank my McGuire cousins, my mother's family: Danny and Kerry McGuire; Jill and Ken Archer; Paul, Helen and Gerard White; Meagan Lawrie; Robbie and Lindy Gratton; and Sarah, Madonna, Bill, Michael and Tim Casey. I have a large extended family and our philosophy is simple: one in, all in. That is why they support me.

While I receive wonderful support from my Madden and McGuire family, I also receive wonderful support from a group that I call 'Team Madden'. Team Madden is a fantastic mix of long-term friends, family members, Facebook friends, distant relatives, union officials and Labor branch members who have supported me. They are a group of people who are happy to stand on the side of busy roads early in the morning with my election signs, put up election signs, put election flyers in letterboxes, and give out my how-to-vote cards at pre-poll and polling booths in weather that ranged from baking hot days, miserable wet weather and, on election day, the worst hailstorm to hit Ipswich in living memory. Throughout all this they were stoic, resourceful, cheerful, positive and always full of encouragement. I am truly in awe of them and I owe them my eternal gratitude.

Time does not permit me to list them all, but I would like to list just a few of them. First I acknowledge the wonderful support I received from the union movement. I would like to thank Neil Henderson of the Services Union and Peter Allen of the Tram and Bus Drivers Union, who gave me fantastic support. The members of the Ipswich North, Rosewood and western suburbs branches provided me not only with volunteers but also with financial support.

As anyone who has run a campaign knows, booth captains are critical to an election campaign. They are the organisers, the problem fixers and the motivators of volunteers at pre-poll and polling booths. I was blessed with two great booth captains at pre-poll. Brad Snow of the Tram and Bus Drivers Union kept things running smoothly at my Yamanto pre-poll booth, while Alison Young maintained order at the Ipswich Humanities Centre pre-poll booth. Alison is my electorate officer, and she took two weeks leave simply to assist me with my campaign.

I also had wonderful polling day booth captains: Jamie Pommer at Grandchester State School; Dennis Rodgers at Rosewood State High School—he had to endure a terrible hailstorm that hit Rosewood; Barry Gratton and Mark Robinson at Marburg State School; Andrew Boxsell at Haigslea State School; Alan McMillan at Walloon State School; Chaz List and Sheryl Gray at Leichhardt State School; Andrew Myles and Michael Carter at Immaculate Heart Primary School at One Mile; Matt Siggins at Pine Mountain Hall; James Harris at the Congregation Church Hall in Jellicoe Street, Brassall; Alison Young at Ipswich State High School; Hayden Petrick at Tivoli State School; Brad Snow at Karalee State School; Gordon Abbott Jnr and Ursula Monsieigneur at Ipswich North State School; Caroline Nevin at Churchill State School; Benjamin Pook at Amberley District State School; and Mike Jones and Liz Upham at the Girl Guides hut at Willowbank.

They all were supported by a wonderful group of volunteers—ever cheerful, hardworking, stoic and diligent in their commitment to ensure that I was returned as the member for Ipswich West. Many had never assisted in an election campaign previously but were happy to volunteer for my campaign. My scrutineers included not only my booth captains but also former state member Pat Comben AM and Gordon Abbott Snr.

Mr Stevens interjected.

Mr MADDEN: I know, mate—quality scrutineers. I am also pleased to acknowledge my high-visibility campaigning team, who helped me to spread the word long before election day that there was a state election on the way and that I was once again standing as the Labor candidate for Ipswich West. My team of early risers included Caroline Nevin, Siobhan Wyatte, John Brown, Nic Thompson, Jamie Pommer, Alan McMillan and Phillip Barnsley. I also acknowledge my good friend Danny Bourke, who once again plastered his cattle truck with my election signs, while Donna Isaacs provided me excellent assistance with my social media campaign.

I also thank those people who did me the great honour of allowing me to put an election sign on their fence lines. As well, I acknowledge the good work done by the Ipswich West returning officer, Wendy O'Sullivan, who did a great job. In a COVID-19 world there were a number of rule changes with the 2020 state election, and Wendy was always very helpful in this regard.

I could add to the list of people I need to thank for my re-election all of my fellow parliamentary caucus Labor members led by our wonderful Premier, Annastacia Palaszczuk, who has become one of the great Queensland Labor leaders. The caucus members have become like family and are a wonderful team. I would like to formally welcome the new members of our Labor caucus team: Jason


Hunt, the member for Caloundra; Tom Smith, the member for Bundaberg; Ali King, the member for Pumicestone; Robert Skelton, the member for Nicklin; Jimmy Sullivan, the member for Stafford; Jonty Bush, the member for Cooper; Les Walker, the member for Mundingburra; and Adrian Tantari, the member for Hervey Bay.

I say a big thankyou to all those Labor Party members who stood as candidates in seats right across the state but unfortunately were not elected to sit in this House. I would like to single out a few of those Labor candidates: my good friend Janet Butler in the seat of Lockyer, Luz Stanton in Scenic Rim, Megan O'Hara Sullivan in Toowoomba North, Palani Thevar in Maiwar, Mark O'Brien in Warrego, Lisa O'Donnell in Chatsworth, Joel Richters in Southern Downs, Dave Kerrigan in Gregory, Roberta Albrecht in Moggill, and Susan Krause in Toowoomba South. I hope they will all consider running again at the next state election in 2024.

Having spent so much time in this wonderful parliament since I was first elected in 2015, I am mindful of those members who have come before us, particularly those who represented the electorate of Ipswich West. They include Vi Jordan, the former member for Ipswich West, daughter of a railway fitter, who in 1966 won the election for Ipswich West and, in doing so, became the first female member of the state Labor caucus. Don Livingstone represented Ipswich West from 1989 to 1996 and again from 2001 to 2006. With the assistance of his family, Don got out his sick bed to give out my how-to-vote cards at the 2015 election.

I also acknowledge my good friend Wayne Wendt, who represented Ipswich West from 2006 to 2012. Representation of the area occupied by Ipswich West goes back to the very first Queensland parliament in 1860, when George Thorn Snr was elected to the seat of West Moreton in the inaugural Queensland parliament. His son George Henry Thorn was Premier of Queensland from June 1876 to 8 March 1877 and, like his father, represented the seat of West Moreton.

As I did when I was a councillor with the Somerset Regional Council and during my previous terms as the state member for Ipswich West, I will continue to do my best to assist my constituents in every way that I can. My focus again will be on addressing unemployment in Ipswich West, improving educational facilities, supporting community policing and always chasing more infrastructure funding for Ipswich West from both state and federal governments. Being re-elected as the state member for Ipswich West has been my greatest achievement in life and, again, I would like to thank those people who assisted me to achieve this victory. This victory is your victory. I hope I do you proud. I will forever be in your debt. Thank you.

 **Mr KNUTH** (Hill—KAP) (4.49 pm): It has been a great honour to be re-elected as the member for Hill and I am very appreciative of my constituents for the support that they have given me and I look forward to this next term. I also congratulate all of the other 92 MPs. Obviously their communities have put their faith in them, and that is something to be very proud of. I also acknowledge the 10 new MPs who were elected to the parliament. It is not an easy role. It is hard yakka and many MPs have come and gone. Some MPs have been good MPs and still lost their seats, so it is something to be commended to be a part of the engine room of Queensland and play a big part in policies in Queensland and be a part of Queensland's history.

I want to thank and acknowledge my family, because this job takes a lot of time away from families. You miss sports days, school events and special events that are very important in terms of the relationship of the family, so I acknowledge my wife, Heather, who has stood beside me during seven election campaigns, and my children, Anna, Joel, Daniel and Naomi. Naomi was just a bit over two years old when I was first elected in 2004 and now she is 19 years old and doing nursing at the Townsville General Hospital. She would have loved to have been down here for the swearing-in ceremony yesterday.

I acknowledge the member for Stafford as a new member, but I served beside his dad. I also served beside the member for Inala's dad and the member for Mulgrave's dad, but I am still young!

I want to acknowledge the booth workers. Elections are hard yakka and you need people to do that groundwork of helping to put up corflutes, signs and marquees and to be at prepolling centres for 10 days or a little bit more, in the sun most of those days. It is very difficult to man those booths every day of the week for two weeks. They have to be very much acknowledged. As everyone knows, if you do not have those booths manned, your primary vote will drop dramatically, so a big thankyou to all those who assisted on election day and throughout the election period.

I also want to acknowledge my electorate staff—Sally, Brad and Bronwyn—and the role that they play in continuing to do the heavy lifting. As I mentioned before, I was elected in 2004 and back then I had 18,000 on the electoral roll with two electorate officers and I now have 38,000 constituents. Back

in 2004 most of the issues came in by letter or by fax. We had no Facebook. There was no Messenger and also no acquittal system, so the workload on those electorate officers has increased dramatically compared to what it was, and they worked hard back then before all of these new changes came in. I want to acknowledge their hard work as well as the fact that all electorate officers were locked away in their offices for nearly 4½ or five months during the COVID operation when they received thousands of phone calls as to what people could and could not do. I want to give a big acknowledgement to our electorate officers and the wonderful work that they do.

I also acknowledge my parliamentary colleagues the member for Traeger and the member for Hinchinbrook. I take great pride in serving beside these two great MPs.

It is very important that we represent our electorate and fight for the issues in our electorates, and they are constantly arising all the time. We take those issues to the parliament and take them to the ministers. Sometimes we have some losses, but sometimes we have some wins. We appreciate the fact that there is money being put towards the Millaa Millaa Malanda Road—something we have been fighting for years for; the Palmerston Highway, in particular the Henrietta Creek section; and the Kennedy Highway. However, I want to bring another issue to the attention of the House that is very important—that is, the need to upgrade Innisfail's Japoon Silkwood Road. It is a major tourism, transport and school bus route. Next week in the parliamentary sitting I will be tabling letters from schools, businesses, tourist operators and road users. The road is a loop road that is narrow and in many areas the edges are breaking up. The road passes through Queensland's No. 1 tourist attraction, Paronella Park, and it passes through the communities of Silkwood, Japoon, Mena Creek, South Johnstone and Wangan. It is a school bus route. The upgrade would also benefit communities and cities like Innisfail and Kurrimine Beach in terms of safety in that region. I will be communicating with the minister my belief how important it is to have that road upgraded.

The electorate of Hill is an agriculture hub. There has been massive expansion in the agricultural industry and it is so important to provide water, particularly in the Atherton Tablelands, with that expansion. There have been discussions about Nullinga—that has been an election issue—and the Bradfield Scheme. All of these have popped up. One issue that we have been pushing is what they call the North Johnstone Transfer, which is a simple project. It was designed and an approved project back in the 1950s when Tinaroo Dam was built. It was acknowledged by the engineers that the size of the catchment of Lake Tinaroo would not be enough to sustain the expansion of the farming sector in years to come. It was designed so that it would transfer water during flood—flood harvest—by an underground pipe going from the North Johnstone Transfer into the Barron River and into the Tinaroo as a supplement. This is a proposal that we have been pushing and communicating with the departments and the previous minister, Dr Lynham. Not only will it help the irrigators; it would also support the recreational users on that lake because when it gets below 40 per cent most recreational users are kicked off. It is a simple project that is affordable with fewer environmental concerns to worry about which will bring great benefits to that region.

I also want to bring attention to the important issue of the procurement policy to ensure that locals are able to get government tenders. The system is designed to make it difficult for local companies in those areas to be able to put in for government tenders. They do not have the big backing like many of the southern companies and they miss out on these opportunities. At the present moment we have a local contractor that is completing the upgrade of the Henrietta Creek section on the Palmerston Highway. We have seen what they have done—that is, gone down deep, filled it with flood rock to allow drainage and then they have put bitumen on it and packed it. We believe that that road will probably last another five or seven years because they are locals who understand the area and understand the weather conditions while also providing jobs to that local community. If they do not do a good job, it will come back to bite them. This is something that we are pushing very strongly to give the opportunity for those local companies to get those tenders, so we need to take whatever means necessary to simplify it so that the process is easy and workable to get those tenders.

I also want to acknowledge the fact that we have been working with the Etty Bay Surf Lifesaving Club for an undercover arena. The government did make an announcement, so I am looking forward to working with the government to get that undercover arena in place. It is very important for those surf-lifesaving clubs, and it is also a safety issue. Inroads have been made on the Kurrimine Beach boat ramp. It is something for which locals have been lobbying for over 10 years. As they try to put their boats in they get bogged. There are also crocs, stingers and sharks. There needs to be a better facility for safety so people can get in and out of the water without worrying about getting caught up in the tides or being stung by jellyfish.

The cost of electricity is very important. I will continue to push for the Tully hydro-electric scheme. It was an approved project back in 1988. It would have powered 100,000 homes. There is already a tunnel in place. It was going to save \$200 million a year on electricity generation and it is clean green energy. That project has already been designed. I am looking forward to continuing to communicate with the government to push for this project because it will benefit the whole region and reduce electricity prices.

I worked in the railways for 20 years and I believe in collective bargaining for workers. The workers would always stand together. We believed if we had not had a pay rise for three years we deserved it. We went out west and worked amongst the heat, the dust, the flies and the crows. We would work with the unions and stand there and fight and bargain for a decent pay rise. Sometimes we had a win, sometimes we did not. A lot of times we did. If you look after the workers you look after the communities. If you give the workers a pay rise they will spend that money in the community which means that everyone benefits. This is why I am passionate about cogeneration.

Cogeneration is all about bagasse which is burnt sugarcane that is provided to the mills. It is crushed and used as an electricity source. Even in the South Johnstone it has the potential to supply 30,000 homes. As cogeneration is put in place and those farmers are supported, they receive a better cane supply agreement as a result of selling that sugarcane that is used not only for sugar but also for the generation of power. That means that electricity can be sold back to the community and there is a better cane supply agreement for those farmers. That has a flow-on effect to the community because they are receiving a better price. This will benefit those communities stretching from Port Douglas right through to the Sunshine Coast. I bring those matters to the attention of the House at this time. There is more that I will bring up in the budget reply speech.

Debate, on motion of Mrs D'Ath, adjourned.

COMMITTEES

Membership



Hon. YM D'ATH (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (5.02 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—

That the order of appointment circulated in my name for the membership of parliamentary committees established by statute or standing orders be agreed to.

ORDER OF APPOINTMENT TO PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

That the following appointments for the membership of parliamentary committees established by statute or standing orders be agreed to:

- (a) Economics and Governance Committee—Mr Linus Power (Chair), Mr Michael Crandon, Mrs Melissa McMahon, Mr Daniel Purdie, Mr Ray Stevens, Mr Adrian Tantari
- (b) State Development and Regional Industries Committee—Mr Chris Whiting (Chair), Mr Michael Hart, Mr Robbie Katter, Mr Jim Madden, Mr Jim McDonald, Mr Tom Smith
- (c) Education, Employment and Training Committee—Ms Kim Richards (Chair), Mr Mark Boothman, Mr Nick Dametto, Mr James Lister, Mr Barry O'Rourke, Mr Jimmy Sullivan
- (d) Health and Environment Committee—Mr Aaron Harper (Chair), Mr Stephen Andrew, Ms Ali King, Mr Rob Molhoek, Ms Joan Pease, Dr Mark Robinson
- (e) Transport and Resources Committee—Mr Shane King (Chair), Mr Colin Boyce, Mr Lachlan Millar, Ms Jess Pugh, Mr Les Walker, Mr Trevor Watts
- (f) Legal Affairs and Safety Committee—Mr Peter Russo (Chair), Ms Sandy Bolton, Ms Jonty Bush, Mrs Laura Gerber, Mr Jason Hunt, Mr Andrew Powell
- (g) Community Support and Services Committee—Ms Corrine McMillan (Chair), Mr Stephen Bennett, Mr Michael Berkman, Mr Jon Krause, Ms Cynthia Lui, Mr Robert Skelton
- (h) Ethics Committee—Ms Jennifer Howard (Chair), Mr Andrew Powell, Mr Linus Power, Mr Daniel Purdie, Ms Kim Richards, Mr Ray Stevens
- (i) Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee—Mr Jon Krause (Chair), Mr Michael Crandon, Mrs Melissa McMahon, Mr Barry O'Rourke, Mr Duncan Pegg, Dr Mark Robinson, Mr Jimmy Sullivan

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

MOTIONS

Sessional Orders



Hon. YM D'ATH (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (5.03 pm): I move—

That the sessional orders for the 57th Parliament circulated in my name be agreed to and effective from Friday, 27 November 2020.

Sessional Orders—57th Parliament (First Session)

Days and Hours of Sitting and Order of Business

1. (a) The House shall sit on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- (b) The House shall sit each day from 9.30am until the automatic adjournment is declared in accordance with Sessional Order 2(2)(c), unless adjourned earlier in accordance with Sessional Order 2(3).
- (c) The Order of Business for each Sitting Day shall be as follows—

Tuesday

*9.30am—10.15am—Preliminary Business **

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10.15am—11.15am—

Question Time

11.15am—11.35am—

Business Program Motion (in accordance with Sessional Order 4)

11.35am—1.00pm—

Government Business

1.00pm—2.00pm—

Lunch break

2.00pm—3.00pm—

Matters of Public Interest

3.00pm—5.30pm—

Government Business

5.30pm—7.00pm—

Disallowance Motions, Private Members' Bills or Government Business (in accordance with Sessional Order 1(d))

7.00pm—7.30pm—

Automatic Adjournment

** (If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except lunch breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)*

Wednesday

*9.30am—10.15am—Preliminary Business **

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10.15am—11.15am—
Question Time

11.15am—12.30pm—
Government Business

12.30pm—1.00pm—
Introduction of Private Members' Bills #

1.00pm—2.00pm—
Lunch break

2.00pm—5.00pm—
Government Business

5.00pm—6.00pm—
Private Members' Motion (motion for which notice was given immediately prior to 10.15am to take precedence)

6.00pm—7.00pm—
Government Business

7.00pm—7.30pm—
Automatic Adjournment

** (If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except lunch breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)*

(If there are no Private Members' Bills to introduce, or any introduction to complete, the next item of business to commence with starting times for all other items, except lunch breaks, in the Order of Business adjusted accordingly.)

Thursday

9.30am—10.15am—Preliminary Business *

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10.15am—11.15am—
Question Time

11.15am—1.00pm—
Government Business

1.00pm—2.00pm—
Lunch break

2.00pm—3.00pm—

Private Members' Statements (Total time 60 minutes, 20 members x 3 minutes each)

3.00pm—4.00pm—

Debate of Committee Reports (in accordance with Sessional Order 3) if no reports to debate, Government Business

4.00pm—6.00pm—

Government Business

6.00pm—6.30pm—

Automatic Adjournment

** (If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except lunch breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)*

(d) On a Tuesday afternoon—

(i) if there are no Disallowance Motions or Private Members' Bills to debate (in accordance with the requirements of Standing Order 59 or Sessional Order 5), the adjournment may be either moved immediately or otherwise continue with Government Business until automatic adjournment;

(ii) if there are Disallowance Motions or Private Members' Bills to debate (in accordance with the requirements of Standing Order 59 or Sessional Order 5), the House will commence with Disallowance Motions, Private Members' Bills or Government Business until automatic adjournment.

(e) If the House sits on any day other than a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, then unless otherwise ordered, the order of business shall be as follows:

From 9.30am—10.00am—

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Question Time

10.30am—1.00pm—

Government Business

1.00pm—2.00pm—

Lunch break

2.00pm—until adjournment moved—

Government Business

Budget Week—Days and Hours of Sitting and Order of Business

1A. The days, hours of sitting and order of business for budget sitting weeks (as identified in the sitting calendar) are as follows:

Tuesday

*9.30am—10.15am—Preliminary Business **

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10.15am—11.15am—
 Question Time

11.15am—1.00pm—
 Government Business

1.00pm—2.00pm—
 Lunch break

2.00pm—until adjournment moved
 Government Business

* (If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except lunch breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)

Wednesday

*9.30am—10.15am—Preliminary Business **
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 Notice of motion for debate during Private Members' Motion (5.00pm—6.00pm) (Notice may be stated in the House and delivered to the Clerk)

10.15am—11.15am—
 Question Time

11.15am—11.35am—
 Business Program Motion (in accordance with Sessional Order 4)

11.35am—12.00pm—
 Introduction of Private Members' Bills #

12.00pm—2.00pm—
 Lunch break

2.00pm—5.00pm—
 Government Business

5.00pm—6.00pm—
 Private Members' Motion (motion for which notice was given immediately prior to 10.15am to take precedence)

6.00pm—7.00pm
 Government Business

7.00pm—7.30pm—
 Automatic Adjournment

* (If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except lunch breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)

(If there are no Private Members' Bills to introduce, or any introduction to complete, the next item of business to commence with starting times for all other items, except lunch breaks, in the Order of Business adjusted accordingly.)

Thursday*9.30am—10.15am—Preliminary Business **

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10.15am—11.15am—

Question Time

11.15am—1.00pm—

Government Business

1.00pm—2.00pm—

Lunch break

2.00pm—6.30pm—

Government Business

6.30pm—7.30pm—

Dinner break

7.30pm—until adjournment moved (no adjournment debate)—

Government Business

* (If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except lunch breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)

Friday*From 9.30am—10.00am—*

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Question Time

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Government Business

1.00pm—2.00pm—

Lunch break

2.00pm—6.30pm—

Government Business

6.30pm—7.30pm—
Dinner break

7.30pm—until adjournment moved (no adjournment debate)—
Government Business

Change to sitting date or time

- 1B.** (1) Notwithstanding Standing Order 49, Sessional Order 1(a) or the House having already adjourned to a specified time and date, the Speaker, upon advice from the Government of the State, may set an alternative day or hour for the next sitting, and must notify each member of any change.
- (2) The Speaker's notification to each member may be by electronic means.

Automatic Adjournment

- 2.** (1) Standing Order 56 is suspended for this session.
- (2) At the time specified for the Automatic Adjournment in the Order of Business for each Sitting Day, the Speaker shall:
- (a) notify the House that it is the time for the Automatic Adjournment of the House;
 - (b) shall call on up to 10 members to speak for no more than three minutes each to make an adjournment statement; and
 - (c) at the conclusion of the members' statements in 2(b) above, shall declare the House is adjourned to the date and time previously agreed to by the House.
- (3) Notwithstanding Sessional Orders 1(b) and 2(2), the motion "That the House do now adjourn" may be moved by the Leader or Acting Leader of the House at any time despite the order of business, in which case there will be an Adjournment Debate for 30 minutes and then the question shall be put.

Business Committee

- 3.** (1) A Business Committee comprising the following members is established:
- (a) the Leader of the House (or alternate);
 - (b) Premier (or alternate);
 - (c) the Manager of Opposition Business (or alternate); and
 - (d) the cross-bench member nominated by the cross-bench.
- (2) The role of the Business Committee is to discuss how the House will deal with business.
- (3) Any decisions made by the Business Committee in accordance with (2) are not binding on the House and a Business program motion in accordance with 4 is required.
- (4) In this Sessional Order "alternate", in relation to a member, has the same meaning as in section 81 of the Parliament of Queensland Act 2001.
- (5) At a meeting of the Business Committee a quorum is the Leader of the House (or alternate) and one other member.
- (6) A meeting of the Business Committee is chaired by the Leader of the House (or alternate).

Business program motion

- 4.** (1) At the time specified in the Sessional Orders, the Leader of the House may move a motion without notice that provides for the allocation of time for any business.
- (2) The motion may include, that:
- (a) Bills be declared cognate in accordance with Standing Order 172; or
 - (b) Bills or other business on the Notice Paper be reordered.
- (3) The motion may include a requirement that at the expiration of time specified in (1) all remaining questions necessary to pass the Bill, a stage of the Bill or any other business be put, without further debate, which is taken to include any of the following:
- (a) the second reading question;
 - (b) clauses and schedules en bloc;
 - (c) any amendments to be moved by the Minister or Member in charge of the Bill; and
 - (d) the third reading and long title.
- (4) Completion of all questions necessary to pass the Bill, a stage of the Bill or any other business in accordance with (1) and (2) shall take precedence over all other business, including the automatic adjournment, with the Order of Business adjusting to recommence after necessary questions are completed.
- (5) Any agreed Business Program may be amended by a motion without notice, moved by the Leader of the House.
- (6) Any amendment agreed to in (4) above is to take effect one hour after the House agrees to such an amendment.

Debate of Parliamentary Committee reports

5. (1) If a committee report is tabled that is not:
- (a) a report on a bill pursuant to Part 5 of the Standing Orders;
 - (b) an annual report of a Committee;
 - (c) a report on travel undertaken by a Committee;
 - (d) a report of the Ethics Committee; or
 - (e) a report by a Committee on subordinate legislation
- then a motion shall be set down on the notice paper by the Clerk that the House is to take note of the committee report.
- (2) Motions that the House take note of committee reports will be brought on for debate in the time set aside each Thursday in the order in which they are placed on the notice paper.
- (3) A debate of a motion in (2) not completed may be adjourned to the following Thursday.
- (4) A motion in (2) cannot be amended.
- (5) A motion in accordance with (1) is set down on the notice paper regardless of whether the report is tabled whilst the House is sitting or not sitting.

Consideration of Ethics Committee reports in regard to Citizen's Right of Reply

6. When the Ethics Committee reports to the House regarding a Citizen's Right of Reply in accordance with Standing Order 283, the committee's recommendation will be considered by the House on the next sitting day following the tabling of the committee's report and at the time in the Order of Business as specified in Sessional Order 1.

Private Members' Bills

7. (1) A member who is not a Minister may introduce a Bill during time set aside in the Order of Business for Private Members' Bills. In such a case the Member introducing the Bill may either complete the speech in the time allotted or, if not completed, adjourn their speech to the next period allotted.
- (2) A Private Members' Bill which has been reported on by a portfolio or other committee, will be brought on for debate on the sitting Tuesday evening next following the passage of three calendar months after the tabling of the committee's report on the Bill.
- (3) The House will continue to debate the Bill on each following sitting Tuesday evening until consideration of that Bill has been finalised.

Condolence Motions

8. (1) A motion of condolence may be moved as the first item of business after Speaker's Statements in the Order of Business.
- (2) If a motion of condolence is moved in accordance with (1), the debate on such motion will last no more than one hour, after which time the question shall be put.
- (3) After a motion of condolence is moved, debated and resolved in accordance with (1) and (2), the Order of Business for the day shall then resume, with Question Time commencing 45 minutes after the motion of condolence was resolved and with starting times for all other items, except lunch and dinner breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.

Private Members' Motions—amendments

9. For this session, in relation to Private Members' Motions, direct negative amendments may be moved.

Matters of Public Interest, Private Members' Statements and adjournment statements

10. During the time set aside for Matters of Public Interest, Private Members' Statements and adjournment statements, no questions can be put nor divisions called.

Incorporation of material—Address in Reply and Annual Appropriation Bills

11. During the Address in Reply debate and the debate on the Annual Appropriation Bills, it is not necessary for Members to seek leave of the House to incorporate material in the Record of Proceedings, provided members have shown the Speaker the material sought to be incorporated and have obtained the Speaker's consent as per Standing Order 25.

Address in Reply debate timeframe

12. So much of Standing Order 47 is suspended for this session to enable debate for no longer than 31 hours.

Maximum time limits for debates, speeches and statements

13. The maximum time limits that apply to debates, speeches and statements are contained in the schedule below.

Subject	Relevant Standing or Sessional Orders	Time
Address in Reply Debate	SO 47	
—Total time		31 hours
—Mover		20 minutes
—Other members		20 minutes
—Mover in reply		30 minutes

Subject	Relevant Standing or Sessional Orders	Time
Adjournment Statements —Total time —Each member	Sessional Order 2(2)(b)	30 minutes 3 minutes
Adjournment Debate —Total time —Each member	Sessional Order 2(3)	30 minutes 3 minutes
Bills—Government Bills Introduction of Bills (explanatory speech) First reading Government Bills reported on by a committee Second reading debate —Minister —Leader of the Opposition (or nominee) —Other members —Minister in reply Consideration in detail —Mover (Minister) —Other members (on each question) Government Bills declared urgent and not referred or not reported on by a committee Second reading debate —Minister	SO 129 SO 130 SO 138 SO 146 & SO 147 SO 129, SO 137 & SO 138	1 hour No debate 30 minutes 30 minutes 10 minutes 20 minutes No limit 3 minutes To speak once only as per SO 129 for 1 hour
—Leader of the Opposition (or nominee) —Other members —Mover in reply Consideration in detail —Mover —Leader of the Opposition (or nominee) (on each questions) —Other members (on each question)	SO 146, SO 147 & SO 156	1 hour 15 minutes 30 minutes No limit 1 x 20 minutes; or 2 x 10 minutes; or 1 x 10 minutes & 2 x 5 minutes 1 x 10 minutes or 2 x 5 minutes
Bills—Private Members' Bills Introduction of Bills (explanatory speech) First reading Second reading debate —All members —Mover in reply Consideration in detail Where Bill has been considered by portfolio committee —Mover —Other members (on each question) Where Bill has not been considered by portfolio committee —Mover —Other members (on each question) —Minister responsible for policy area (on each question)	SO 129 & Sessional Order 5 SO 130 SO 138 SO 146, SO 147 & SO 156	1 hour No debate 10 minutes 30 minutes No limit 3 minutes No limit 3 minutes 1 x 20 minutes; or 2 x 10 minutes; or 1 x 10 minutes & 2 x 5 minutes
Debate of Committee Reports —each member	Sessional Order 3	5 minutes

Subject	Relevant Standing or Sessional Orders	Time
Disallowance of statutory instruments —Total time —Mover —Other members —Minister in reply	SO 59	1 hour 30 minutes 15 minutes 10 minutes 20 minutes
Dissent to ruling of Speaker —Total time —Each member	SO 250	1 hour 10 minutes
Election of Speaker —Each member	SO 39	5 minutes
Extension of Time, by consent of a majority of the House, without debate —Motions and Second Reading Debates —Question Time		5 minutes 2 minutes
Matters concerning privilege	Sessional Order 1, & SO 248 & 267	At discretion of Speaker
Matters of Public Interest —Total time —Leader of Opposition or nominee —Other members	Sessional Order 1 & 7	1 hour 10 minutes 5 minutes
Motions —Mover —Other members —Mover in reply	Chapter 15	10 minutes 10 minutes 15 minutes
Motions—Business Program Motion (11.15 am Tuesdays) and Amendments to Business Program Motion —Mover —Other members —Total debate	Sessional Order 1 and 4	5 minutes 5 minutes 20 minutes or when four speakers have concluded
Personal Explanations —each member	Sessional Order 1	At discretion of Speaker
Private Members' Motions (Wednesday 5.00—6.00 pm) —Total time —All members	Sessional Order 1	1 hour 5 minutes
Private Members' Statements —Total time —Each member	Sessional Order 1 & 7	1 hour 3 minutes
Tabling of Reports —Chairperson of Committee on presentation of committee report —Member tabling report	Sessional Order 1 & 2	5 minutes 2 minutes
Questions Without Notice —Question time (total time) —Member asking question —Minister answering question	Sessional Order 1 & SO 113	1 hour, Tues, Wed, Thurs. 30 minutes on Friday At discretion of Speaker 3 minutes

Dress standards

14. Dress standards in the parliamentary chamber should be appropriate to the Queensland climate and reflect general community standards. All members and staff are expected to dress in business attire.

Male members and staff may wear a long-sleeve business shirt and tie or coat and long-sleeve business shirt without tie.

SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR TRANSACTING BUSINESS IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES (COVID-19 PANDEMIC)**Special Procedures take precedence**

1. These Sessional Orders implementing Special Procedures, where inconsistent with Standing Orders and other Sessional Orders, take precedence until the expiry of the regulation declaring the public health emergency for COVID-19.

Divisions

2. Standing Orders 103 to 107 of Chapter 19 are suspended by these Sessional Orders, until revoked, and replaced with the following—

CHAPTER 19 DIVISIONS**103. Procedure for putting question and calling a division**

- (1) When the Speaker has put a question to the House, Members may indicate their agreement with the “Ayes” or “Noes” by calling “Aye” or “No”. The Speaker shall declare whether the “Ayes” or the “Noes” have it.
- (2) Any Member who has voted against the majority as declared by the Speaker may demand a vote by calling “vote”.
- (3) When a vote is demanded, the bells shall be rung for four minutes and the Speaker shall then call for a vote. However, if there has already been a division in respect of that order of the day or motion, and there is no intervening debate, the Speaker may order the bells to be rung for one minute.

104. Party vote unless a conscience issue

- (1) Where a vote is demanded, a party vote is held unless the subject of the vote is to be treated as a conscience vote.
- (2) If the Speaker has received prior advice from a party whip of a conscience vote, the Speaker will permit a personal vote to be held instead of a party vote.
- (3) Members of the parties that make up the government or official opposition that intend casting a contrary vote must advise their Whip. These members must then also advise the Clerk of their intention to cast a contrary vote and indicate whether they are voting for the “Ayes” or “Noes”.

105. Procedure for a party vote

- (1) In a party vote:
 - (a) when the bells have finished ringing, the Speaker shall state the question to the House;
 - (b) the Speaker asks the Government Whip and Opposition Whip to cast the party’s votes;
 - (c) the Speaker asks the Leader of any Minor Party (or other Member delegated by the Party Leader) that has more than one Member in the Assembly to cast the party’s votes;
 - (d) the Speaker asks any members voting contrary to their party to cast their vote;
 - (e) the Speaker then calls in turn members of other minor parties, recognised parties or independents participating in the meeting at that time to cast their votes;
 - (f) the Speaker declares the result to the House;
 - (g) the result of the vote will be entered in the Record of Proceedings; and
 - (h) if fewer than five members vote with either the “Ayes” or the “Noes”, the Clerk will record whether the question was agreed to or not in the Record of Proceedings but the result of the vote and the names of members voting will not be recorded in accordance with (g) above; and
 - (i) if an error occurs in any record of result, the error shall be reported to the House by the Speaker at the earliest practical time and the Record of Proceeding altered.
- (2) Votes may only be cast for the Ayes or Noes but minor party votes may include both votes for the Ayes and Noes.
- (3) The total number of votes cast for each party may include proxy votes, but must not include:
 - (a) any Members who have been paired;
 - (b) any Member who is not present on the precinct or will not attend the Chamber that day;
 - (c) any Member who has been asked to withdraw from the Chamber under Standing Orders 252 or 253A or named under Standing Order 254 for the period they have been ordered to withdraw or are excluded.

106. Procedure for personal vote

- (4) In a personal vote:
- (a) when the bells have finished ringing, the Speaker shall state the question to the House;
 - (b) votes may only be cast for the Ayes or Noes;
 - (c) the Clerk reads the names of each Member by their electorate (alphabetically and one at a time) and the Member shall cast their vote orally for the Ayes or Noes;
 - (d) the Clerk will then report the votes to the Speaker;
 - (e) the Speaker will declare the result to the House; and
 - (f) the result of the vote will be entered in the Record of Proceedings

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION

The following Sessional Orders only apply during any approved electronic participation.

Approval

- (1) The Speaker may approve technology (including hardware, software and systems of use) for meetings of the Legislative Assembly whereby all or some members, including the Speaker or Deputy Speaker presiding, may be present by telephone or video or other electronic means.
- (2) The technology approved by the Speaker must enable business to be transacted and allow reasonably continuous and contemporaneous communication between the Speaker or Deputy Speaker presiding and the members present, and between the members present.
- (3) The Speaker may:
 - (a) Mandate security protocols and procedures for Members and Officers to follow using the technology to join the meeting; and
 - (b) Mandate the networks and devices that may be used (or not used).
- (4) The Committee of the Legislative Assembly may approve modified rules of debate, order and behaviour for members seeking the call, taking points of order and other matters related to regulating debate which may be at odds with normal practice and procedure, but are best adapted to enable the meeting to occur with the approved technology.
- (5) The Speaker shall, prior to any sitting where technology in (4) and (5) is to be used, ensure reasonable instructions and support to all Members prior to the meeting to enable their participation by the technology approved by the Speaker.

Broadcast

- (6) The Speaker shall approve the broadcast of meetings of the Legislative Assembly held in accordance with (2).
- (7) The Speaker shall determine whether such broadcast will be live or delayed.

Quorum

- (8) Members who are participating in meetings of the Legislative Assembly by the technology approved by the Speaker may be counted towards a quorum.

Attendance

- (9) The Clerk and his delegates are responsible for counting the attendance of Members in the meeting and recording their attendance in the Record of Proceedings.
- (10) A member is deemed to be in attendance if they have been:
 - i. physically present at the place of the meeting; or
 - ii. joined the meeting at any time during the day's proceeding using the technology approved by the Speaker.

Tabling of documents

- (11) Members seeking to table documents will provide the documents to be tabled to the Clerks-at-the-Table via email to TableOffice@parliament.qld.gov.au in PDF format.

Amendments and Notices of Motion

- (12) An amendment to any question or notice of motion must be provided to the Clerks-at-the-Table via email to TableOffice@parliament.qld.gov.au.

Distribution of material required to be circulated

- (13) The Clerk or their delegate will distribute documents, including tabled papers and amendments to bills and notices of motion, to Members by email.

Procedure for putting question and holding vote

- (14) When the Speaker has put a question to the House, Members may indicate their agreement with the "Ayes" or "Noes" by calling "Aye" or "No" and physically raise their hand at the time each proposition is put. The Speaker shall declare whether the "Ayes" or the "Noes" have it.

Incorporation of speeches

- (15) A member in attendance (see 11.) and physically present may, by leave of the House, incorporate their speech or part of their speech in debate on a matter.
- (16) A member in attendance (see 11.) and using the technology approved by the Speaker may provide the Speaker with their speech in debate on a matter and request that the Speaker on their behalf, by leave of the House, incorporate their speech in debate.
- (17) A member who is paired may provide the Speaker with their speech in debate on a matter and request that the Speaker on their behalf, by leave of the House, incorporate their speech in debate.
- (18) The following rules apply to all incorporations:
 - (a) The member's total speech must not exceed that which would normally be allowed in the time allotted (160 words for every 1 minute of speech time);
 - (b) Speeches should not include graphs, charts or other material;
 - (c) Members must provide the Clerks-at-the-Table (via email to TableOffice@parliament.qld.gov.au) and Parliamentary Reporting (via email to Hansard@parliament.qld.gov.au) with their speech in electronic form prior to leave being sought to incorporate their speech. Other members will be provided access, on request, to a members' speech prior to the publication of the record of proceedings; and
 - (d) All speeches must be provided to the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker prior to leave being sought for incorporation. Speeches intended to be incorporated should not offend Standing Orders in any way, such as by containing personal reflections or imputations.

Mrs D'ATH: In moving these amendments I wish to inform the House that these sessional orders for the 57th Parliament are based on the well-defined and used sessional orders for the 56th Parliament. In particular, the government proposes to keep the structured fixed sitting hours which provide certainty to not only members and staff but also stakeholders and the people of Queensland regarding what is happening in their House—the people's house.

These fixed hours are sensible and have brought the Queensland parliament into the 21st century and aligned it with modern workplaces, including parliaments right across this country. The people of Queensland do not expect their politicians, their representatives, to be making important decisions about their communities which will affect them at two o'clock or three o'clock in the morning. I am sure we all agree that nothing good happens after 1 am. We should be having robust and thoughtful debate in normal hours. These fixed times are similar to other jurisdictions not only around Australia but also across the globe and provide a structure for us all to work within.

A change which has been inserted is to allow members to incorporate parts of their address-in-reply and budget-in-reply speeches each year. For many years some members have tried to incorporate their speeches only to be hindered by those opposite calling a division and wasting further time. The practice of those opposite is inappropriate, unthoughtful and purposefully obstructionist to the procedures of the House. To ensure the smooth running of the House we are proposing that leave is not required and members will be able to incorporate portions of their speech once they have the permission of the Speaker.

We are keeping the great Business Committee—I am sure the Manager of Opposition Business will be thrilled—and the business program process which will govern the business of the House. This great change in the last parliament has assisted the efficient running of the chamber while ensuring members can continue to have their say on the matters that are important to them. The system can only work if all members buy into the process and work with the process. Similar to the previous parliament, a Business Committee will be convened at the beginning of most parliamentary sittings where the government will meet with the opposition and a representative of the crossbench to discuss the business the government is proposing for that week's sitting and to discuss associated time frames. This can only work if people come to the meetings and participate in a respectful manner. All too many times during the previous parliament we saw the opposition representatives participating in the meeting in a less than constructive way.

Mr Bleijie: Rubbish! You're verballing me.


Mrs D'ATH: I would not say verballing as much as pre-empting, which is probably inappropriate as well considering we are simply reflecting every other speech we heard throughout the entire last 56th Parliament. In short, with all due respect, it was equivalent to throwing the toys out of the cot sometimes. I live in hope that the Manager of Opposition Business will ensure that an appropriate member of the opposition attends the Business Committee and participates in a constructive and thoughtful manner. We are also proposing to keep the voting method which was adopted towards the

end of the 56th Parliament whereby when a division is called the government whip, opposition whip and members of the crossbench attend the chamber and cast their vote on behalf of their party or individually.

While we can all sit in the chamber and participate in democracy together, the calling of a division would require, in normal circumstances, everyone to race to the chamber in four minutes which would require people to cram into lifts and stairwells which is not COVID safe. After speaking with the Manager of Opposition Business I am thankful for his support to continue this voting method for the foreseeable future. The proposed sessional orders also include provisions for alternative methods to run the parliament if the situation ever arises for it to be used. However, we have not had to, nor do we envisage having to, use it but, like any workplace, contingencies are required.

There are some other minor amendments but on the whole the structure and bones of the 56th Parliament sessional orders are being adopted in the 57th Parliament. In moving these sessional orders I reflect on the enormous privilege it is to serve as a member of the Legislative Assembly in the Queensland parliament. We all have a duty to serve our community, our constituents and the people of Queensland in a respectful and thought-provoking way.

While we will not always agree eye to eye on every policy matter that comes before us in the chamber, the way we collectively deal with each matter will be a reflection on us all. The cornerstone of our democracy is the ability to debate ideas and challenge different policy proposals. This can be done in a respectful manner, by also having some fun, but it does not have to be personal. I look forward to listening to many interesting debates in the months and years ahead—four great years. With those few words, I commend the sessional orders for the 57th Parliament to the House.

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (5.08 pm): I respectfully oppose the motion moved by the Leader of the House. I strongly oppose it because democracy is dead in Queensland. It continues to be dead and buried in Queensland. The Leader of the House said this is the people's house. This is no longer the people's house; this is Labor's house. This is Labor's political plaything. I see the Minister for Education interjecting with her hands over her ears. This is going to be a long four years and I look forward to it.

I am glad that the government has kept the Business Committee, because with the Business Committee comes the business program motion moved every Tuesday.

Mr WALKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. Is this a lecture? He is not going through the chair.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order! What is the point of order, member for Mundingburra?

Mr WALKER: It is on relevance. He is not going through the chair.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is no point of order.

Mr BLEIJIE: Whoever my honourable colleague is, perhaps some more experienced people ought to have a little chat with the member later—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Manager of Opposition Business, we do not need your commentary on my ruling.

Mr BLEIJIE: I thank the member because he has given me a good target to turn my attention to. Once honourable colleagues remind me who he is and which seat he represents, I will be able to frame him a little.

I shall tell the House about these sessional orders. They are rubbish. What the Leader of the House did not tell honourable colleagues is that these amendments affect private members' motions, which are debated once a week. They are proposing to change the sessional and standing orders so that the government can move amendments to negative a private member's motion. Speaker Wellington established in the sessional orders a process so that if an opposition or crossbench member were to move a private member's motion the government cannot move to delete all words after 'the House notes', thus negating the motion and turning it into a pro-government motion. These amendments to standing and sessional orders change that. We will be going back to the bad old days when an opposition or crossbench member would move a motion and the government would basically negative that motion. Effectively, we will end up with a situation where no private member's motion will be debated in the sitting week because the government will negative each motion, making it a pro-government motion.

The Leader of the House says, 'This is democracy. This is the people's house. Let's debate things in a respectful way.' I recall what happened in the 56th Parliament, which the member for Mundingburra certainly was not in. In that parliament the Leader of the House stood up and said, 'I agree that things should happen differently in this House.' When she said that perhaps she thought that they were not going to return to the government benches. At that time she was all for having a conversation about amending the standing orders and the sessional orders to make debate and discussion in this House more productive. What has changed since she made that great speech about amending the sessional and standing orders to work with the opposition and crossbench? What has changed is that there has been an election, they won, they have a majority and they are back to form. They are back to using the parliament as their political plaything. That is what these sessional and standing orders are all about. As I have said before, whatever Labor wants Labor gets, as with these orders.

The Business Committee, which will continue, is a farce and has been for three years. I look forward to the debates with the Leader of the House every Tuesday morning when we debate the new business program motion. I refer to the point that the Leader of the House made before about the Business Committee. It was not that I was unhappy to attend. I did not mind attending and I did; it was just the company with which I had to attend. It was not the Leader of the House and it was not the Clerk, who was there as well. I saw the Clerk raise his eyebrows. It was not the Clerk or the Leader of the House; it was the other members of the committee I did not like participating or attending with. However, I will continue to play an active role in that committee.

I will also continue to strongly advocate for the people of Queensland so that they can have a say with this state Labor government. I will continue to advocate for that on the Business Committee and I know that the representatives of the crossbench members will also advocate that we should not use this parliament as a political plaything. Over the past three years or, in fact, the entire term of the Palaszczuk Labor government we have seen the continual destruction of democracy in this House with less debate on bills, more urgency motions moved, more guillotines and fewer bills going to committees.

For the benefit of honourable members, I will table a document comparing the sitting days of different parliaments in Australia between 2012 and 2020. We can see the number of days that the Queensland parliament has sat in each term of government since 2012. We have gone back a little further. Honourable members will be interested to know that this year the Labor government has broken a record that had not been broken since 1983 when the Bjelke-Petersen government sat for only 29 days. Labor sat for 28 days. They broke the record. In 2015 the parliament sat for 33 days. In 2016 they had a cracker year and sat for 43 days, but then it is downhill. In 2017 they sat for 34 days; they sat for 37 days in 2018; in 2019 they sat for 37 days; and in 2020 they sat for 28 days. We can compare that to the other jurisdictions that, I assume, were also dealing with coronavirus issues. They managed to maintain upwards of 46 days of sittings. The South Australian parliament sat for 52 days. I table a copy of that document.

Tabled paper: Document, undated, comparing sitting days of different Australian parliaments [\[261\]](#).

Clearly we see that the Labor government is riding roughshod over this place.

I have circulated amendments that I intend to move to amend the motion that the Leader of the House has moved. I will table a copy of those amendments. As I understand it, they are being circulated. I will move particular amendments that propose that a private member's motion is debated every day for half an hour, that is, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The government is going to move an amendment to allow it to negative a private member's motion. Essentially there will be no private members' motions because whatever we put in a motion they will negative and make it a pro-government motion. Through my amendments I propose that a private member's motion is moved every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and debated for half an hour.

My amendments also propose that family-friendly hours be no more. I propose that we sit till nine o'clock at night on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I recognise that on Thursday nights some honourable members have to travel regionally, so I propose to maintain the 6.30 finish. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, parliament should sit until nine o'clock at night when the automatic adjournment would be moved. I move the following amendments—

In Sessional Order 1C, insert—

(1) On Tuesday after 'Tabling of Reports', insert—

'Notice of motion for debate during Private Members' Motion (5.30pm—6.00pm) (Notice may be stated in the House and delivered to the Clerk)'

- (2) On Tuesday after 'Matters of Public Interest',
Omit—
 '300pm—5.30pm—
 Government Business
 5.30pm—7.00pm—
 Disallowance Motions (maximum of 1 hour debate), Private members' Bills or Government Business in accordance with Sessional Order 1(d))
 7.00pm—7.30pm—
 Automatic Adjournment'
And insert—
 '300pm—5.00pm—
 Government Business
 5.00pm—5.30pm—
 Private Members' Motion (motion for which was given prior to 10.15 am to take precedence)
 5.30pm—9.00pm—
 Disallowance Motions, Private members' Bills or Government Business in accordance with Sessional Order 1(d))
 9.00pm—9.30pm—
 Automatic Adjournment'
- (3) On Wednesday omit—
 '5.00pm—6.00pm—
 Private Members' Motion (motion for which notice was given immediately prior to 10.15am to take precedence)
 6.00pm—7.00pm
 Government Business
 7.00pm—7.30pm—
 Automatic Adjournment'
And insert—
 '5.00pm—5.30pm—
 Private Members' Motion (motion for which notice was given immediately prior to 10.15am to take precedence)
 5.30pm—9.00pm
 Government Business
 9.00pm—7.30pm—
 Automatic Adjournment'
- (4) On Thursday after 'Tabling of Reports', insert—
 'Notice of motion for debate during Private Members' Motion (5.30pm—6.00pm) (Notice may be stated in the House and delivered to the Clerk)'
- (5) On Thursday after 'Matters of Public Interest',
Omit—
 '4.00pm—6.30pm—
 Government Business'
And insert—
 '4.00pm—5.30pm—
 Government Business
 5.00pm—5.30pm—
 Private Members' Motion (motion for which was given prior to 10.15 am to take precedence)


I table a copy of the amendments.

Tabled paper: Amendments to Sessional Orders by the member for Kawana, Mr Jarrod Bleijie MP [\[262\]](#).

Over the next four years the only way that we will be able to fight this Labor government is by not giving in to Labor's bullying antics. They think that just because you speak in this parliament you are wasting Labor's time. We get that this place is an inconvenience for them. The honourable member can shake her head as long as she wants, but to the Labor Party this place has become an inconvenience. It is an inconvenience for members on the Labor side to be here, and that is a shame. They should be here.

The honourable Leader of the House says, 'We don't want to sit until two o'clock in the morning.' I get that. It is why I do not propose that we sit until two o'clock in the morning, even though great legislation has been debated and passed at that time. And guess what? A lot more legislation went through the House. We sat longer and we sat more days. Members in this House are paid to do their job in their constituencies and to represent their constituents here. I know that the honourable member for Coomera represents over 45,000 or 46,000 constituents in this place. He is paid to represent his constituent issues here. If he is continually told that he is not allowed to speak and that the committee that he is on is not able to fulfil its duties by looking at legislation—such as we saw with the urgency motion moved today in relation to the pineapple mayor in Rockhampton—then we are curtailing debate and we are curtailing democracy. The Leader of the House said that this is the people's house, but this is not the people's house anymore; it is Labor's political plaything. They have done it for five years and, unfortunately, they will continue to do it for four more years.

Fortunately for the people of Queensland there are members on this side of the House, in opposition and on the crossbench, who will not take this lying down. We do not think this is at all acceptable in the House. We will fight for every Queensland constituent because they deserve a voice in this place. That is why they voted for members of parliament and that is what we are here to do.

 **Ms SIMPSON** (Maroochydore—LNP) (5.19 pm): In Queensland we do not have a banana republic; we have a pineapple republic with a complete disregard for the proper democratic processes. I support my colleague the Manager of Opposition Business and the member for Kawana. I have a little lesson for some of the smirking members across the chamber. The government has a majority so it comes in here thinking that this parliament is its plaything, but it should not be. This place is for elected members to represent all 93 seats in Queensland. It should not be the loudest, the most prolific or the most numerous side of parliament that gets to speak; all members should have an equal right to speak.

What this Labor government has done in the last five years—by gutting the rules, by stripping away the right of members to speak appropriately on bills, by gagging legislation like no other parliament has seen in the history of Queensland—is an absolute disgrace. There was more of that smirking in the last term and we have seen that arrogance continue.

Now, as we know, there are rushed pieces of legislation coming into this House to address that. When you strip away the scrutiny, put the sausage machine into action and pass laws that have not gone through due process and appropriate scrutiny, you get things wrong. Things are mucked up. We have seen that recently in relation to local government laws. Due to legislation being declared urgent, amendments are about to be rushed through this House to fix up the mess that Labor created.

While we cannot talk about the detail of the legislation, we can talk about the process. It is relevant that we are talking about the way this arrogant Labor government is taking another step to abuse processes. All members, whether they are Labor, LNP or crossbenchers, must have the opportunity to speak and to scrutinise legislation, as opposed to this situation where there has been a gagging of debate and the slipping in of amendments on completely different matters or matters that have not been consulted on. Not only is that causing angst; it is a disgraceful mess that now has to be rectified by legislation. On how many more aspects will we see this government do the same thing—introduce Trojan laws without the appropriate scrutiny of this parliament?

It might bore Labor members who do not like to listen to different voices, but Queenslanders have cast their vote for a range of people and those voices have a right to be heard in this parliament. They are not always in the majority, but they have a right to be heard. That is why this practice of gagging legislation in an unprecedented way in the history of parliament has to be stopped. That is why we have to have the opportunity for appropriate debates to take place.

The government says, 'It is about family-friendly hours,' but then moves urgency motions that have not been on the table. It does this at any time it wants to because, as the government, it has the numbers to do that. Then at the other end it gags legislation that should go through due process and be scrutinised. It has also stripped away the majority of scrutiny in consideration in detail in this parliament. The committees of the parliament were never meant to supplant and replace the consideration in detail in this parliament, but that is what has happened. That is another reason I believe that we need to hold this government to account.

It might bore people who think it is just parliamentary rules, but it matters. Democracy matters. The opportunity to scrutinise legislation matters. The opportunity to ask ministers questions in consideration in detail matters, yet that has been virtually stopped because of the abuse of these processes to put in a deadline on the passing of legislation, often with additional amendments that have never seen the light of day or appropriate scrutiny. They are dropped in this House sometimes only a

matter of minutes or hours before they are passed into law and end up being on the statute books of Queensland. Queensland is not a banana republic; it is a pineapple republic with a fruit salad approach to democracy—arrogance and smugness from a government that believes it can do what it likes.

Unicameral parliaments tend to have a very strong executive style which makes it even more important for the parliamentary process not to be subjugated to that abuse of numbers. It becomes even more important to respect the rights of all members to have the opportunity to speak in this place. I support the amendment moved by my colleague the member for Kawana as another opportunity for members in this House, non-government members in particular, who have less opportunity to speak under the way this government has moved and unfortunately abused the processes of this parliament.


These things matter. We have seen that so starkly obvious with the abuses that have come to light where we now see more rushed legislation coming through this House to fix up a mess. This government can talk about democracy, but they cannot manage their business or organise to do things in an orderly way. Therefore we see these abuses now playing out with remedy legislation supposed to address what they mucked up.

It is important that the parliament allows all members to speak, allows them the opportunity to scrutinise legislation and allows them the opportunity to debate not only the government's agenda but also the issues that all Queenslanders want us to raise on their behalf and put forward in this place.

Mr BLEIJIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The Clerk has just brought to my attention the need to correct something in my amendment with respect to—

Ms Grace: Oh! You've been here longer.

Mr BLEIJIE: We only just got a copy of the sessional orders, so this happens. On page 2 of my amendments, I seek to take out '7.30 pm' and put in '9.30 pm'. I did not want the government to stay here all night, even though I am prepared to do it. Also, on the second page I seek to take out '5 pm to 5.30 pm' and replace it with '5.30 pm to 6 pm'.

 **Hon. G GRACE** (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (5.26 pm): The member for Kawana has the audacity to have a go at the new member for Mundingburra! This is amazing. How many years has he been in this House? At least the member for Mundingburra has an excuse: he has only just been elected. The member for Kawana is the only one of those opposite to get up and do any work—a 'lazy bunch', as the *Courier-Mail* pointed out. They are lazier than you could ever imagine. The more things change, the more they stay the same in this House. Here we go again! The member for Kawana gets up to speak to procedural motions.

I heard that there were things like boredom. I take issue with the member for Maroochydore.

Mr Bleijie interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Member for Kawana, you are warned under the standing orders.

Ms GRACE: Let me tell the new members why we were bored. All of the members opposite—those lazy members who did not want to speak—were forced to speak by previous leaders. I have never heard more complaints than from the backbenchers opposite in the 56th Parliament. Talk about sausages! Those opposite wrote one speech, gave it to all the backbenchers and every one of them recycled it over and over again. If that is supposed to be representing their constituency and their electorates—the same speech, the same issues, repeated time and time again, because they were forced to speak when they did not want to—it is an absolute disgrace. That is the disgrace in relation to the sessional orders they are proposing.

I ask any one of those backbenchers there now, all the blokes who have families at home, who do not care about family-friendly hours—'We're right, we don't need family-friendly hours'—whether they like being forced to give those speeches. It is a joke. That is why they are sitting opposite. The more they carry on the way they are carrying on now about procedural motions and sessional orders, the more they are going to stay on that side of the House. It is four more years that they are there and if they continue on in this vein it will be four more years after that.

For the member for Kawana to get up and say that he did not want to attend meetings of a committee of this parliament because he did not like some of the people on that committee was absolutely unbelievable. I say to the member for Kawana that the feeling was mutual, let me tell you, when we were trying to get members on our side to attend that committee with the member for Kawana. They would walk out the door. We basically had to stop them from walking out when they were being nominated. The feeling is mutual.

These sessional orders make sense. They worked extremely well in the 56th Parliament. Then we had the member for Kawana get up and talk about the number of sitting days in the 56th Parliament, particularly in the last 12 months, as if we were not facing a world health pandemic. He is in an alternative universe somewhere if he does not realise that the reason we sat fewer days is because of COVID-19—a world health pandemic.

Mr Crandon: What's that mean?

Ms GRACE: Exactly. I will take the interjection from the member for Coomera. 'What does that mean?' he says.

Mr Crandon interjected.

Ms GRACE: 'What does that mean?' he says. Let me tell you, member for Coomera: be careful because we are coming after Coomera next.

Mr Crandon interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Pause the clock! Member for Coomera, that behaviour is completely unacceptable. You are warned under the standing orders.

Ms GRACE: Member for Coomera, the margin is getting slimmer every time. We are coming after Coomera next.

The only political plaything with regard to these sessional orders is the political plaything of the member for Kawana when it comes to every procedural motion of this House. Even when we moved to adjourn the House at the height of COVID-19 he called for a full division. Everyone put their health at risk as a result of his political plaything and he sits opposite smiling about it. He talks about Labor using sessional orders as a political plaything. It is pathetic. It honestly is. He put the health and safety of every one of us at risk that night. On the procedural motion to adjourn he called for a full division. That was unbelievable. He sits opposite smirking about his grandstanding. That is a disgrace and that is why we are on this side of the House and they are opposite.

I never heard more complaints from their backbenchers than when they were forced, under their sessional orders, to speak on issues that had absolutely no relevance whatsoever to their electorate. To contemplate or accuse this House of stopping members who wanted to speak on bills from speaking is absolutely absurd. When they want to speak they can speak, but they do not like being forced to speak. We know very well that that is exactly what is happening over there.

Then we listened to the member for Maroochydore say that the sky is falling in and tell the people of Queensland that we are abusing the system. I remember when the Campbell Newman government was in power. They would come in here at midnight to make changes to laws that were unconstitutional. They talk about the misuse of numbers. They misused their numbers on every single occasion. What happened? They were out in three years and they have been out ever since. There will be four more years of Labor in this House because Queenslanders are sick of hearing the rubbish being spoken by those opposite. It makes absolutely no sense. They abuse every single power.

Ms Simpson interjected.

Ms GRACE: You want to talk about women. Let me talk about women. Today they talked about targets. It would be nice to know what their target is over there when it comes to the number of women they hope to get in eventually. What is the target of the LNP in terms of women represented in this place? I think there are six of them over there now out of 34.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I ask that you rule on relevance.


Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is no point of order.

Ms GRACE: It is lovely to hear from the ex-leader of the opposition who is still in the House. Welcome back, member for Nanango. What is her contribution? It is the relevance of women on their side of the House. Even a woman stands up and asks what the relevance is of the number of women in the LNP when they have six out of 34 members who are women. It is unbelievable that the member for Nanango—no wonder she is no longer the leader of the opposition—would get up on a point of order on relevance when I am talking about female representation in the LNP. If you only realised what she did, Mr Deputy Speaker. It is unbelievable. That is probably why she is no longer the leader of the opposition and probably why the LNP is over there.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Direct your comments through the chair please, Minister.

Ms GRACE: The sessional orders make sense. The sessional orders work well. The sessional orders are family friendly. The sessional orders do not stop anybody who wants to speak on a bill from speaking. The sessional orders that have been moved by the Leader of the House make absolute sense.

Even the member for Kawana cannot get it right. He talks about everybody else's bungles but his own. He puts together his own sessional orders, he has a go at the member for Mundingburra, a new member, and then has to correct his own sessional orders. It is unbelievable. They are over there for one reason and one reason only: they are not fit to govern this state. It was obvious at the last election that the people of Queensland rejected the LNP. They want an ALP government to govern this state. That is what we are going to do for four more years. I support the sessional order for the 57th Parliament circulated by the Leader of the House being adopted.

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (5.36 pm): I was sitting up in my office toiling away and I heard the minister actually say the words: 'The more things change, the more things stay the same.' In this parliament, the 57th Parliament, what do we have on the first day? The opposition being shut down and the crossbench being shut down. That is what we have.

This is a government that once again is treating this House like its own personal plaything. I heard the Manager of Opposition Business talk about how the Palaszczuk government spent the entire 56th Parliament using the parliament as their own political plaything. I point out for new members—I know some of those members were here in the outskirts of the parliament because they were staffer—but—

A government member: Cheap shot.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: How is that a cheap shot? What is wrong with being a staffer? I take the interjection from the member over there who has already been critical of his own colleagues for being staffers. There we have it. What a shame.

The point of the amendment that the Manager of Opposition Business has moved in this House is to bring some fairness, equity and transparency back into this good House. This is the people's house. The parliament of Queensland is the people's house. It is not Labor's house. It is not the Palaszczuk government's house. It is the people of Queensland's house.

Mr Saunders interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: And there we have it again. We have an arrogant member of the government who thinks it is their plaything. I say this to the member for Maryborough, every single crossbench member and every single opposition member has been elected by the good people of their electorate in the same way the member has. The members on this side of the chamber have the same right to speak as those over there.

The minister continued her diatribe saying that this motion does not stop people from speaking. What a load of absolute codswallop. What absolute codswallop. In the 56th Parliament the Palaszczuk government guillotined more debate and more motions than I would suggest any other parliament that has ever sat in this great House. It was the Palaszczuk government that refused to allow opposition members to speak. The minister tried to assert that the opposition members were forced to speak. What a load of codswallop. Good luck to the minister finding anyone who would even back that up.

The member for Maroochydore was absolutely right. The member for Maroochydore and the Manager of Opposition Business, the member for Kawana, have spent many years in this chamber representing their communities and standing up for the rights of their communities who have elected these good people into this chamber. That is what we are here to do. We should have the right to speak on bills and not have this parliament shut down debate so that we are not allowed to speak on behalf of our community. That is exactly what the motion moved by the Leader of the House does.

The Leader of the House said, 'We only have a few small changes to the sessional orders from the 56th Parliament.' For the new members of the House and the old members of the House, read them and compare them. Do the job that you have been elected to do. Do not just be lemmings and follow the government over a cliff. Every week the opposition or the crossbench is meant to be able to move a motion. We get to move a motion because that is what our constituents have elected us to do. Instead, as the Manager of Opposition Business has said, the motion will now be negated by the government each and every Wednesday. We will come in here and move our motion. We will be reasonable in our motion, as we always are.

Government members interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: We will be reasonable in our motions, as we always are. We will use every single word that we are allowed to use—as many as possible, and I hope that tradition continues. I can pre-empt already what will happen with the first opposition's motion. We will put forward a motion to hold the government to account, to argue a point around an issue that is important to all Queenslanders. The Leader of the House will come in and say, 'No. That motion is wiped out because we are going to wipe out every word after whatever the first word of the motion is.' Then the Leader of the House will move an amendment to insert all of her words. We are going to have to sit in this chamber and argue the government's motion when the government has already taken every speaking spot from the crossbench and the opposition. This is absolutely a crying shame.

The Palaszczuk government was originally elected on the platform of openness, transparency and accountability. Where did that go? How long did that last? It certainly did not last very long in the last parliament.

Mr Saunders interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order, member for Maryborough!

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I understand that the Premier is the first premier in the nation ever to be held in contempt of parliament. The former deputy premier, the then treasurer—

Mr STEVENS: Who?

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Who?—ended up being sacked from her position. How many other ministers had to stand down while they had a cloud of integrity over them? The roads minister had to sit up the back while he had a cloud over his head.

Mr Saunders interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Member for Maryborough, you are continuing to interject after I have called you to order. You are warned under the standing orders.

Ms Simpson: It was the mango man.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: That is right. I will take the interjection of the member for Maroochydore. It was the mango man. I will correct the record: it was mangocube. When that integrity scandal was over the head of the minister for roads, he had to sit up the back. The Premier was all embarrassed and had to get rid of a minister out of her cabinet—

Mrs D'ATH: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order on relevance. The member has significantly strayed from dealing with the sessional orders.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you for your point of order. I will take some advice.

Mr BLEIJIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise on the point of order. The point the honourable member is making about the sessional orders is that my amendment tries to get motion debate for private members' motions. We want to prosecute these integrity issues. Hence, that is why we want more motion debate. That is why it is relevant.


Government members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members! Thank you, Manager of Opposition Business. It sounds like you are trying to give me advice. I will take the advice. Member for Nanango, I will ask you to come back to the terms of the debate.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: It was quite often that the motions put forward by the opposition in the 56th Parliament had to be so long because the integrity scandals were so many. We had to use every single word that the Clerk allowed us to because there were so many integrity scandals. We had to list them all to try to debate them. No wonder the Palaszczuk government is trying to stop the opposition and the crossbench from having the opportunity to debate motions in this House about their integrity scandals—because there are so many. There are too many to even list. There were many and nearly every week, on behalf of the people of Queensland, we had a very good motion to hold the government to account.

We are extremely fortunate that in Australia we have the incredible democracy that we do. This democracy is one that men and women went to war to fight over to ensure that each and every Queenslanders had a voice. This is a very important point. Each and every Queenslanders deserves to

have a voice in this parliament. If their voice in this parliament happens to be an opposition member or a crossbench member, their voice is as important as someone who lives in a government electorate. That voice should be heard in this House—the people's house—and that is exactly why I support the amendments moved by the Manager of Opposition Business.

 **Mr BERKMAN** (Maiwar—Grn) (5.46 pm): I rise to make a contribution on this motion and the sessional orders that are proposed for the 57th Parliament. This is a vitally important opportunity for us to improve how we do things in this place. More importantly perhaps, it is also an opportunity to change the perception of the way we work in the House for those people in the communities we represent.

I will start at the outset by saying that I do support fixed hours for this parliament. As the Leader of the House has indicated, we should not expect to sit here till the wee hours of the morning and make sense and even less to legislate on important issues for the state of Queensland. In practice, as I said at the beginning of the last term of parliament, family-friendly hours do in practice prevent members from speaking, and I think it has a particular impact on the crossbench.

I have circulated amendments which I do not propose are a complete answer to all of the issues or all of the improvements that we could make to how we work in this place. I suggest that we would need plenty of changes to the committee system in addition to anything that happens in here. However, I do want to address some particular issues. They are the time that is spent dealing with Dorothy Dixers in the chamber, the ongoing practice of the government bypassing committees by piggybacking unrelated amendments to bills, and the importance of ensuring that every party and Independent MP gets the opportunity to speak on every bill in this place.

I also want amendments to make sure that every bill is considered properly by ensuring that we have at least one hour of consideration in detail and, beyond that, to make space in this parliament for the consideration of new ideas both through the addition of a second private member's motion with less time allocated for each of those two motions but also to ensure that private member's legislation actually has the opportunity to come before the House for debate and for the questions to be put to the House.

On the first of those, Dorothy Dixers are perhaps the best recognised and most egregious waste of time in this place. Voters in our constituencies do not elect representatives to come into this place to blow smoke up each other. We could be using question time each and every sitting day for the crossbench and for non-government members to put important questions to the ministers. If there are things that the ministers want said, they can call the press or they can get to their feet and make a ministerial statement at whatever point they choose.

I am not sure whether most voters are aware of this, but I have a sneaking suspicion which has grown into a strong impression that the Premier and the ministers actually write the questions that government backbenchers stand up here and ask them.

Government members interjected.

Mr BERKMAN: The ministers write the questions and they give the answers. Everyone is agog. It is a huge waste of everyone's time. Without being unkind or rude to the ministers, I think it is, frankly, a little bit embarrassing for them. The government get a big chunk of time at the start of the day for their statements, as I said. They can toot their horn during the ministerial statements and they can do it again later in the day at whatever point they want. They do not need more time during question time. Even though it is often a demoralising farce, question time can be really important. It is the only time during the day that non-government MPs actually get to set the agenda, and we need to work hard to improve that.

On the question of the government bypassing committees and piggybacking unrelated amendments onto bills, during the last term of parliament we saw—and I will use the words again—some incredibly egregious abuses of process. For example, the Public Service pay freeze, the changes to youth bail requirements and the Ekka public holiday were all tacked onto a bill about portable long service leave. We also saw the enormous hundred pages of amendments to the government's electoral reform legislation that were introduced one day and passed the next. Clearly, we are all well aware that the government are now scrambling to fix problems with that legislation that could have been picked up if they had not abused process in the way they did.

The government's abuse of urgency provisions to piggyback unrelated amendments and bypass the committee system is deeply undemocratic. In the words of Constitutional law expert Gim Del Villar QC, it is contrary to the spirit of Queensland's Constitution. Ramming through complex legislation with no committee scrutiny makes a mockery of this parliament and of the committee system

that is here to support it. In a state like Queensland which has only one house of parliament and has a long history of corruption, that is something we should all be worried about and we should be working hard to correct.

As I mentioned, the family-friendly hours—commendable as they are—do have a disproportionate effect on the crossbench. That is largely due to the outdated two-party mindset in this parliament. It ends up being that crossbench MPs like me are quite routinely shunted off the bottom of the speaking list. For example, I was not permitted to even speak on the COVID-19 emergency legislation passed in April of this year, which among other things established the temporary rental eviction ban and set up a framework for rent deferrals and reductions. It is vital that this parliament hears the diversity of views that minor parties and independents bring. We should not be shut out by the major parties just because of the anachronism that is the two-party system that we are all too used to in here.

Others have mentioned the concerns about us not getting to consideration in detail on many or any bills in some sitting weeks. No-one has proposed anything to actually address that directly. What I would propose is that there is at least one hour for consideration in detail of every bill. It is clear from the previous term that the family-friendly hours have come at a cost and that cost is that we regularly lose the opportunity to undertake consideration in detail. I do not think I need to tell members in here just how important it is.

Without consideration in detail, we do not have the chance to put questions to ministers about the operation of specific bills. We are not passing bills that operate as a whole in some nebulous vacuum; we are passing specific provisions that have effect in everyday people's lives. What we say in this place affects how those provisions are applied in real life, how they are applied by courts. It matters what we say in here. If we do not have an opportunity to interrogate the meaning and the application of specific clauses of bills, the entire state of Queensland is worse for it. What we are proposing would mean that every bill is examined by the whole chamber, including the opportunity to ask those questions and to move amendments to each clause where it is deemed necessary.

The proposal to make space for new ideas would operate by increasing the debate time allocated to private members' bills and private members' motions. I started here in the last term. Early in the term, I had a bit of a sense of disbelief at the way private members' motions played out—the scream, as it was described to me. It did feel like something of a waste of time, but it is important that non-government members have the opportunity to move motions and challenge the government's position on issues that are important to them and their communities. I would argue though that we do not need to spend an hour on this. I think we could spend much less time—a half an hour on each motion—and we could have more of these motions each week with shorter debate times.

Similarly, non-government members should have the opportunity to put up private members' bills and see these proposals right through to the conclusion of the legislative processes. We should have the chance to require the government to consider legislative proposals. There were relatively few private members' bills in the last term and even fewer of these made it to a vote on the second reading. If we are to serve the diverse communities of Queensland and the diversity of views that they hold, we need to make sure there is sufficient opportunity for all members to present legislation for the scrutiny of committees and for debate in this House.


The Leader of the House made an observation before that this diversity of views is the cornerstone of our democracy—that debate in this place is incredibly important. I agree with that. We just need to actually make it happen. We need to make time for that. If we need more time in amongst amendments like this, then we should simply sit more often. Let us add a Friday, let us add extra sitting weeks in the calendar. There are ways to address it that do not compromise the quality of debate in this place and the state of our democracy. I table a copy of the amendments that have been circulated in my name.

Tabled paper: Amendments to Sessional Orders by the member for Maiwar, Mr Michael Berkman MP [\[262A\]](#).

I move the amendments that have been circulated in my name.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock while I take some advice. Member for Maiwar, the House is currently considering an amendment already. We will consider that amendment and vote on it accordingly. If required, you will then have the opportunity to put your amendment to the House. We will not accept the moving of your amendment at this point. You are actually speaking to the amendment moved by the Manager of Opposition Business. You will have the opportunity to put that amendment later if you so desire.

Mr BERKMAN: Thank you for the guidance. I will finish in short measure now by saying that the proposed amendments that I will move in good time are straightforward and sensible. They aim to send a message to the government that we are watching and that they cannot take their return to government as a mandate to do whatever they like in this place without scrutiny.

 **Mr STEVENS** (Mermaid Beach—LNP) (5.57 pm): It is with great sadness that on the first day of the 57th Parliament we see the hubris and arrogance of this re-elected Labor government evident in the House in terms of limiting the time that the opposition and the crossbenches have to debate matters that are important to the Queensland economy, electorates et cetera. I think Labor titans such as the Robbie Schwartens, Terry Mackenroths and John Mickels would be totally embarrassed about this Labor government hiding from debate under the Westminster system. They loved the debate. They said, 'Bring it on. We know our stuff. If you put up things, we will argue against them.' This particular Labor government likes to hide, with the minimum amount of sitting time possible and the minimum amount of scrutiny possible.

Everybody knows that under the Westminster system if the government does not sit then the opposition does not get the opportunity to hold it to account, and that is our job. That is what the electorate pays us to do—that is, hold this government to account. The opposition should be afforded every opportunity to have a full and frank debate on every issue within this House. Every member, including the crossbenchers, should have every opportunity to debate all matters within this House.

I go back to the 55th Parliament—and I know that the member for Logan would know that I am not telling the House any untruth on this matter—and the discussion about family-friendly hours. I thought it was a very good thing to happen for this parliament, but I thought the sitting day should have ended at 9.30 pm. Unfortunately, I ran second again and that moved on in my political career, and those friendly hours did not occur. We ended up with the 7.30 cut-off time and guess what? A 7.30 finish allows all the Labor members in Brisbane to be home in time for local affairs, local lobbying, local community groups—and that is not what this parliament is about.

This parliament sits for 42 or 43 days over 13 or 14 weeks most years except for unusual years. This is the opportunity for the opposition to hold the current government to account. That is not happening under this particular set of standing orders. Unless the parliament sits for the appropriate number of hours, our debate time is cut short. For the member for McConnel to rubbish on about how our members were complaining about speaking—one of the things we all—

Ms Grace interjected.

Mr STEVENS: There were no names, no mentions, no pack drill. It was a fairytale put forward. We all love the opportunity to speak. Unfortunately, we are curtailed under these current standing orders and we are restrained to discuss matters that the government thinks are important. Yet we are limited in speaking to other issues that are important to the crossbench and our good selves by debate that is forced upon us by this arrogant, hubristic government that we have now in Queensland in the 57th Parliament.

The amendment moved by the Manager of Opposition Business is totally appropriate, totally reasonable and totally fair in terms of taking this parliament forward and giving everybody—the representatives of all electorates—including all the backbenchers over there and the crossbenchers behind me, the opportunity to speak. I think it is a reasonable amendment that the Manager of Opposition Business brings to this House and it should be supported. There is nothing to be frightened of. All the government members and ministers have to do is defend their territory and they should have enough experience to do that.

Ms Grace: Trust us. We're not frightened of you.

Mr STEVENS: I just received an interjection from the Labor union heavyweight opposite. She goes on with the fairytales—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Comments through the chair, please, member for Mermaid Beach.

Mrs D'ATH: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I ask that the member refer to members by their correct title.

Mr STEVENS: The member for McConnel, the Labor union—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The point of order is fair. I would ask you to refer to members by their correct parliamentary—

Mr STEVENS: The member for McConnel, the Labor union heavyweight. The bottom line is she likes bossing people around.

Mrs D'ATH: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. What is your point of order?

Mrs D'ATH: After you just gave a direction to the member for Mermaid Beach he deliberately then referred to the member by another title and not her correct title.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will take some advice. Resume your seat please, member for Mermaid Beach. I call the member for Mermaid Beach.

Mr STEVENS: In terms of the standing orders, this is a fair and reasonable amendment that the Manager of Opposition Business has put forward. It should be adopted by the government. They should not be frightened. It should be carried by this House.

Division: Question put—That that the amendments be agreed to.

AYES, 35:

LNP, 32—Bates, Bennett, Bleijie, Boothman, Boyce, Camm, Crandon, Crisafulli, Frecklington, Hart, Janetzki, Krause, Langbroek, Last, Leahy, Lister, Mander, McDonald, Mickelberg, Millar, Minnikin, Molhoek, Nicholls, O'Connor, Perrett, Purdie, Robinson, Rowan, Simpson, Stevens, Watts, Weir.

KAP, 2—Dametto, Katter.

Ind, 1—Bolton.

NOES, 51:

ALP, 49—Bailey, Boyd, Brown, Bush, Crawford, D'Ath, de Brenni, Dick, Enoch, Farmer, Fentiman, Furner, Gilbert, Grace, Harper, Healy, Hinchliffe, Howard, Hunt, Kelly, A. King, S. King, Lauga, Lui, Madden, McCallum, McMahan, McMillan, Mellish, Miles, Mullen, O'Rourke, Palaszczuk, Pease, Pegg, Power, Pugh, Richards, Russo, Ryan, Saunders, Scanlon, Skelton, Smith, Stewart, Sullivan, Tantari, Walker, Whiting.

Grn, 2—Berkman, MacMahon.

Pairs: Butcher, Gerber; Linard, Powell.

Resolved in the negative.

Non-government amendments (Mr Bleijie) negated.



Mr BERKMAN (Maiwar—Grn) (6.09 pm): I move the following amendments—

At the end of Sessional Orders, insert—

No questions without notice—government members

- (1) Notwithstanding Standing Order 113, for this Session Members who are government Members as defined by s.79 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* cannot ask questions without notice of Ministers.

Amendments outside the long title

- (1) Standing Order 151 is suspended for this session.
- (2) Leave is required for all amendments outside the long title of the bill.
- (3) Leave cannot be sought and amendments outside the long title of a bill cannot be moved unless:
 - (a) The amendment is sourced from a recommendation made in the committee report that considered the bill, or in additional comments or a dissenting report attached to that committee report; or
 - (b) The amendment has been forwarded to and considered by the committee that considered the bill, before the committee reported to the House; or
 - (c) The House by a separate substantive motion agrees that the amendments are urgent and appropriate and are able to be moved in consideration in detail.

Right to speak, second reading debate

- (1) Notwithstanding the Business program motion, no bill can be read a second time unless at least one member from each party and all independent members that have indicated a desire to speak in the second reading debate have been given the opportunity to speak in the second reading debate


In Sessional Order 4, insert—

- (7) The Business Program Motion must include at least one hour for consideration in detail of each Bill

In Sessional Order 1, insert—

- (1) On Tuesday after 'Tabling of Reports', insert—
'Notice of motion for debate during Private Members' Motion (5.00pm—6.00pm) (Notice may be stated in the House and delivered to the Clerk)'


- (2) On Tuesday after 'Matters of Public Interest', omit
- '3.00pm—5.30pm—
Government Business
5.30pm—7.30pm—
Disallowance Motions (maximum of 1 hour debate), Private members' Bills or Government Business in accordance with Sessional Order 1(d)'
- And insert—
- '3.00pm—4.00pm—
Government Business
4.00pm—4.30pm—
Private Members' Motion (motion for which was given prior to 10.15 am to take precedence)
4.30pm—
Disallowance Motions (maximum of 1 hour debate)
Private members' Bills (minimum of 3 hours debate)
if no Disallowance Motions or Private members' Bills Government Business (3 hours debate)
- At the conclusion of the above—Automatic adjournment
- (3) On Wednesday omit—
- '5.00pm—6.00pm—
Private Members' Motion (motion for which notice was given immediately prior to 10.15am to take precedence)
6.00pm—7.00pm
Government Business'
- And insert—
- '5.00pm—5.30pm—
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5.30pm—7.00pm
Government Business'

 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Minister for Tourism Industry Development and Innovation and Minister for Sport) (6.09 pm): I wish to speak in favour of the motion moved by the Leader of the House and against the amendment moved by the member for Maiwar. I point out that the member for Maiwar's amendments to the sessional order would have the effect of denying members of the government a chance to express themselves and to raise questions of the government within this chamber. While the member might be very dismissive and use all sorts of phrases that recall US advice columns, the reality is that that would be denying those members the opportunity to raise issues on behalf of their communities, which is what I hear them do in relation to questions asked during question time by government backbenchers. What choices they make about how they use their opportunities to cross-examine the government and to ask questions of the government is a matter for them, and totally denying them that opportunity would be an affront to our democratic systems.

The amendments to the sessional orders proposed by the member for Maiwar effectively seek to stop any matter outside the long title of the bill being debated or make it really difficult for that to occur. Ultimately, the irony of that is that this House is the master of itself. I will return to that at the end of my remarks in relation to the business program and the motion moved by the Leader of the House. This House is the master of itself. As a consequence, anytime there was a desire to debate a matter outside the long title of the bill you would see a motion moved to suspend all standing and sessional orders that would prevent such an issue being debated. That would happen anyway. The pretence of this little move would have no real effect on the ability of this House to do what it sees fit to do and needs to do in order to provide for the good governance of the state. That is what would happen, so this does not have any real, genuine effect. In any case, the reality is that this House is the master of itself. That is why the business program, which was used so effectively during the 56th Parliament—I commend to the House its continuance in the 57th Parliament—is an appropriate way for this House to manage its own business, as determined by the House itself.

If we saw those opposite and those on the crossbench participate as fully as possible in the processes that are provided for, including the Business Committee, we would see a more effective way of achieving the outcomes that are prescribed and put forward in the amendment moved by the member for Maiwar, including the ability for the House in its business program to prescribe set amounts of time for consideration in detail of particular bills. That can be achieved. It does not need to be done in a blanket way that would not necessarily be nimble and responsive to the needs of the House; it can be done at any time during that process. I encourage all members of the House to engage in and be supportive of the business program process.

From time to time, we heard people in the House who criticised that business program during the 56th Parliament claim that it was an end to the Westminster system, that it was a decrying of the way in which parliament should operate. The reality is that at Westminster they use a business program. The reality is that this is a fundamental way in which houses across the Commonwealth and in other democracies throughout the world manage their affairs. We are the master of our own affairs. That is what the business program allows us to be, in a very sensible way. As a consequence, I ask that members reject the proposed amendment of the member for Maiwar, as well intentioned as it may be, and most importantly support the motion moved by the Leader of the House.

 **Mr KATTER** (Traeger—KAP) (6.15 pm): I rise to make a contribution to the debate of the amendments proposed by the member for Maiwar and the original motion. To add some value, I heavily endorse a lot of what the member for Maiwar said. In response to the questions from the government, it would seem on the surface that we should give that right to government backbenchers, but in the nine years I have been here I do not think I have ever seen a government backbencher—LNP or Labor—directly challenge their ministers. I would have thought that once in those nine years someone would ask—

Mr Hinchliffe interjected.

Mr KATTER: No, that is true. That would be true 90 per cent of the time, but you would expect that once in those nine years one person would ask a challenging question of a minister, but they have not. I suggest that is pretty strong evidence.

Mr Hinchliffe: It is their choice.

Mr KATTER: I take that interjection. It is their choice, but you are still ignoring the evidence.

Mr Hinchliffe interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: The member for Sandgate will put his comments through the chair.

Mr KATTER: Let the public make their own judgement on that evidence. We do not need to argue it.

To add some value from the perspective of a regional or rural MP—these are just facts; I am not trying to make an emotional plea—I have a much bigger electorate. There are other members who represent big electorates. That means we spend more time in a plane or a car than other MPs in smaller electorates. That means we have less time to see the incoming legislation, less time to do media, phone calls—everything. Then when we get to the other end we have condensed our day and have a lot less time to respond. I and the other crossbenchers come to parliament with no resources available to us and we are supposed to get across what is coming in here. If I have done that during my compressed time back in the electorate, when I get here on a Monday I am at a distinct disadvantage in terms of thinking about what I want to say on bills.

I do not want to put my name down to speak on everything—I want to be fair and reasonable with everyone else; I think it would be unreasonable for me to start putting my name on every speaking list—but I can say that I am not getting the speaking spots I used to get and nor is Shane Knuth. I am not getting the opportunities. It used to drive me nuts hearing repetitive speeches—I agree with the member on that point—but there is a cost to this that must be acknowledged in this debate.

I could come into the chamber, track the debate and say, 'I didn't realise this came in. I wasn't following this.' I did not have staff to tell me anything. I did not have a large number of colleagues to tell me, 'The debate is moving this way. They have introduced this bill,' so I would know I needed to go and speak on the bill as it was really important for my electorate. I would race down, and it did not matter what side of the House the speaker was from. They would say, 'We can probably fit you in.' Everyone was pretty gracious, would fit you in at the end of the speaking list and I got a spot. That does not

happen now. That is a fact. Most of the time we are responding to the whips by saying, 'I'm not sure what this is about. Let me find out. I think I want to speak on that.' We end up down the list, debate is truncated and we miss out. There is a direct prejudice against particularly rural MPs.

A government member interjected.

Mr KATTER: Spend a week with us and you can experience it for yourself.

Mr SPEAKER: Put your comments through the chair, member.

Mr KATTER: I am sorry, Mr Speaker. Governments should not be scared of interrogation; they should welcome it. We need more time to debate bills, discuss issues and provide some variety. We have inherited this bulky two-party system. We say that we add some variety to that and play an important role in this parliament, but our opportunity to do that is being drastically diminished. That is a real problem. The government of the day can do whatever it wants in this place, but there is a cost to what this government is doing. That is why we will always vote against these sessional orders. Our opportunities have been diminished, as have the voices of remote areas and regional communities.

I will finish on family-friendly hours. Let me state the obvious: it is not family friendly if you live outside the greater Brisbane area. I used to come down on the Monday and now I come down on the Sunday. That is a fact. Again, the government has the right to amend that, but there is a cost. I would prefer to sit until 2 am or 3 am. As much as I hated it, I would much prefer that than be away from my home for another day.

Division: Question put—That the amendments be agreed to.

AYES, 5:

Grn, 2—Berkman, MacMahon.

KAP, 2—Dametto, Katter.

Ind, 1—Bolton.

NOES, 81:

ALP, 49—Bailey, Boyd, Brown, Bush, Crawford, D'Ath, de Brenni, Dick, Enoch, Farmer, Fentiman, Furner, Gilbert, Grace, Harper, Healy, Hinchliffe, Howard, Hunt, Kelly, A. King, S. King, Lauga, Lui, Madden, McCallum, McMahon, McMillan, Mellish, Miles, Mullen, O'Rourke, Palaszczuk, Pease, Pegg, Power, Pugh, Richards, Russo, Ryan, Saunders, Scanlon, Skelton, Smith, Stewart, Sullivan, Tantari, Walker, Whiting.

LNP, 32—Bates, Bennett, Bleijie, Boothman, Boyce, Camm, Crandon, Crisafulli, Frecklington, Hart, Janetzki, Krause, Langbroek, Last, Leahy, Lister, Mander, McDonald, Mickelberg, Millar, Minnikin, Molhoek, Nicholls, O'Connor, Perrett, Purdie, Robinson, Rowan, Simpson, Stevens, Watts, Weir.

Pairs: Butcher, Gerber; Linard, Powell.

Resolved in the negative.

Non-government amendments (Mr Berkman) negatived.

Mr SPEAKER: If a further division is required, the bells will ring for one minute.

Division: Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

AYES, 49:

ALP, 49—Bailey, Boyd, Brown, Bush, Crawford, D'Ath, de Brenni, Dick, Enoch, Farmer, Fentiman, Furner, Gilbert, Grace, Harper, Healy, Hinchliffe, Howard, Hunt, Kelly, A. King, S. King, Lauga, Lui, Madden, McCallum, McMahon, McMillan, Mellish, Miles, Mullen, O'Rourke, Palaszczuk, Pease, Pegg, Power, Pugh, Richards, Russo, Ryan, Saunders, Scanlon, Skelton, Smith, Stewart, Sullivan, Tantari, Walker, Whiting.

NOES, 37:

LNP, 32—Bates, Bennett, Bleijie, Boothman, Boyce, Camm, Crandon, Crisafulli, Frecklington, Hart, Janetzki, Krause, Langbroek, Last, Leahy, Lister, Mander, McDonald, Mickelberg, Millar, Minnikin, Molhoek, Nicholls, O'Connor, Perrett, Purdie, Robinson, Rowan, Simpson, Stevens, Watts, Weir.

Grn, 2—Berkman, MacMahon.

KAP, 2—Dametto, Katter.

Ind, 1—Bolton.

Pairs: Butcher, Gerber; Linard, Powell.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Suspension of Standing Orders, Estimates Hearings



Hon. YM D'ATH (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (6.27 pm), by leave, without notice:
I move—

That, for the consideration of the annual appropriation bills for 2020-2021, so much of standing orders be suspended to enable the following:

- (a) portfolio committees may only hold hearings and take evidence on the dates and within the timeframes provided in Table 1 attached;
- (b) questions on notice prior to the hearings are to be provided to the committee secretariat and ministers within the timeframes provided in Table 1 attached;
- (c) answers to questions are to be provided to the committee secretariat within the timeframes provided in Table 1 attached; and
- (d) answers to questions on notice are deemed published upon receipt by the committee secretariat.

Portfolio Committee	Area of Responsibility	Ministers	Oversight Responsibility	Hearing Date	Hearing Times	Questions on Notice	
Economics and Governance Committee	Premier and Cabinet Trade	Premier and Minister for Trade	Auditor-General Integrity Commissioner	Monday, 7 December 2020	Speaker 9am—9:45am	Questions to Committee Secretariat: 5PM, Thursday, 3 December	
	Treasury and Investment	Treasurer and Minister for Investment			BREAK: 9:45am—10am		Questions to Ministers: Thursday, 3 December (by 9PM).
	Tourism Industry Development, Innovation and Sport	Minister for Tourism Industry Development and Innovation and Minister for Sport			Premier (Premier / Trade): 10am—11:45am		Questions Answered by Minister to Committee Secretariat: 8AM, Monday, 7 December 2020
					BREAK: 11:45am—12pm	Published no later than 8:30AM, Monday, 7 December	
					Premier (Premier / Trade): 12pm—1:30pm		
					BREAK: 1:30pm—2pm		
					Treasurer (Treasury / Investment): 2pm—4pm		
					BREAK: 4pm—4:15pm		
					Treasurer (Treasury / Investment): 4:15pm—6pm		
					BREAK: 6pm—6:30pm		
					Minister for Tourism Industry Development and Innovation and Minister for Sport: 6:30pm—9pm		

Portfolio Committee	Area of Responsibility	Ministers	Oversight Responsibility	Hearing Date	Hearing Times	Questions on Notice
State Development and Regional Industries Committee	State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning	Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning	Independent Assessor	Tuesday, 8 December 2020	Deputy Premier (State Development): 9:30am—10:30am	<p>Questions to Committee Secretariat: 5PM, Thursday, 3 December</p> <p>Questions to Ministers: Thursday, 3 December (by 9PM).</p> <p>Questions Answered by Minister to Committee Secretariat: 12pm, Monday, 7 December 2020</p> <p>Published no later than 12:30pm, Monday, 7 December 2020</p>
	Agricultural Industry Development, Fisheries and Rural Communities	Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities			Deputy Premier (Infrastructure / Planning): 10:30am—11:45am	
	Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water	Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water			BREAK: 11:45am—12pm	
					Deputy Premier (Local Government): 12pm—1pm	
					BREAK: 1pm—1:45pm	
					Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water (Water): 1:45pm—3:15pm	
					BREAK: 3:15pm—3:30pm	
					Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water (Regional Development and Manufacturing): 3:30pm—4:30pm	
					BREAK: 4:30pm—4:45pm	
					Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities (Agricultural Industry Development and Rural Communities): 4:45pm—6:15pm	
					BREAK: 6:15pm—6:30pm	
					Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities (Fisheries): 6:30pm—8pm	

Portfolio Committee	Area of Responsibility	Ministers	Oversight Responsibility	Hearing Date	Hearing Times	Questions on Notice
Education, Employment and Training Committee	Education, Industrial Relations and Racing Employment, Small Business, Training and Skills Development	Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development		Wednesday, 9 December 2020	<p>Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing (Education / QCAA): 9am—10:30am</p> <p>BREAK: 10:30am—10:45am</p> <p>Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing (Education / QCAA): 10:45am—11:45am</p> <p>BREAK: 11:45am—12:30am</p> <p>Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing (Racing): 12:30pm—1pm</p> <p>Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing (Industrial Relations): 1pm—2pm</p> <p>BREAK: 2pm—2:30pm</p> <p>Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development (Employment and Small Business): 2:30pm—4pm</p> <p>BREAK: 4pm—4:15pm</p> <p>Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development (Training and Skills Development): 4:15pm—5:15pm</p>	<p>Questions to Committee Secretariat: 5PM, Thursday, 3 December</p> <p>Questions to Ministers: Thursday, 3 December (by 9PM).</p> <p>Questions Answered by Minister to Committee Secretariat: 12pm, Tuesday, 8 December 2020</p> <p>Published no later than 12:30pm, Tuesday, 8 December 2020</p>

Portfolio Committee	Area of Responsibility	Ministers	Oversight Responsibility	Hearing Date	Hearing Times	Questions on Notice
Health and Environment Committee	Health and Ambulance Services Environment, Great Barrier Reef, Science and Youth Affairs	Minister for Health and Ambulance Services Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Youth Affairs	Health Ombudsman	Thursday, 10 December 2020	<p>Minister for Health and Ambulance Services (Department of Health, HHS, Health Ombudsman): 9am—10:30am</p> <p>BREAK: 10:30am—10:45am</p> <p>Minister for Health and Ambulance Services (Department of Health, HHS, QIMR, QMHC): 10:45am—12:15pm</p> <p>BREAK: 12:15pm—12:30pm</p> <p>Minister for Health and Ambulance Services (Queensland Ambulance Services): 12:30pm—1:30pm</p> <p>BREAK: 1:30pm—2:30pm</p> <p>Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Youth Affairs (Environment and the Great Barrier Reef): 2:30pm—4:15pm</p> <p>BREAK: 4:15pm—4:30pm</p> <p>Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Youth Affairs (Science and Youth Affairs): 4:30pm—5:15pm</p>	<p>Questions to Committee Secretariat: 5PM, Friday, 4 December</p> <p>Questions to Ministers: Friday, 4 December (by 9PM).</p> <p>Questions Answered by Minister to Committee Secretariat: 12pm, Wednesday, 9 December 2020</p> <p>Published no later than 12:30pm, Wednesday, 9 December</p>

Portfolio Committee	Area of Responsibility	Ministers	Oversight Responsibility	Hearing Date	Hearing Times	Questions on Notice
Transport and Resources Committee	Transport and Main Roads	Minister for Transport and Main Roads		Friday, 11 December 2020	Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Transport and Main Roads): 9am—11am	Questions to Committee Secretariat: 5PM, Friday, 4 December
	Energy, Renewables, Hydrogen, Public Works and Procurement	Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and Minister for Public Works and Procurement			BREAK: 11am—11:30am	Questions to Ministers: Friday, 4 December (by 9PM).
	Resources	Minister for Resources			Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Transport and Main Roads): 11:30am—1:15pm	Questions Answered by Minister to Committee Secretariat: 12pm, Thursday, 10 December 2020
					BREAK: 1:15pm—2pm	
					Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and Minister for Public Works and Procurement (Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen): 2pm—3:30pm	Published no later than 12:30pm, Thursday, 10 December
					BREAK: 3:30pm—3:45pm	
					Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and Minister for Public Works and Procurement (Public Works and Procurement): 3:45pm—5:15pm	
					BREAK: 5:15pm—5:30pm	
					Minister for Resources: 5:30pm—6:45PM	
					BREAK: 6:45pm—7pm	
					Minister for Resources: 7pm—8:45pm	

Portfolio Committee	Area of Responsibility	Ministers	Oversight Responsibility	Hearing Date	Hearing Times	Questions on Notice
Legal Affairs and Safety Committee	Justice and Attorney-General, Women and Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Police, Corrective Services, Fire and Emergency Services	Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services	Electoral Commissioner Information Commissioner Ombudsman Queensland Family and Child Commission	Monday, 14 December 2020	<p>Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence (DJAG + STAT BODIES): 9am—10:30am</p> <p>BREAK: 10:30am—10:45am</p> <p>Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence (DJAG): 10:45am—12:45pm</p> <p>BREAK: 12:45PM—1:30pm</p> <p>Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services (Police): 1:30pm—2:45pm</p> <p>BREAK: 2:45pm—3pm</p> <p>Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services (Corrective Services): 3pm—4pm</p> <p>BREAK: 4pm—4:15pm</p> <p>Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services (Fire and Emergency Services): 4:15pm—5:15pm</p>	<p>Questions to Committee Secretariat: 5PM, Friday, 4 December</p> <p>Questions to Ministers: Friday, 4 December (by 9PM).</p> <p>Questions Answered by Minister to Committee Secretariat: 12pm, Friday, 11 December 2020</p> <p>Published no later than 12:30pm, Friday, 11 December</p>

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Community Support and Services Committee	Communities, Housing, Digital Economy and the Arts	Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts	Family Responsibilities Commission	Tuesday, 15 December 2020	Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts (Communities, Housing and Digital Economy): 9am—10:45am BREAK: 10:45am—11am	Questions to Committee Secretariat: 9AM, Monday, 7 December
	Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships	Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships			Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts (Arts): 11am—11:45am BREAK: 11:45am—12:30pm	Questions to Ministers: Monday, 7 December (by 9:30AM). Questions Answered by Minister to Committee Secretariat: 12pm, Monday, 14 December 2020
	Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs	Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs			Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (Senior and Disability Services): 12:30pm—1:45pm BREAK: 1:45pm—2pm Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships): 2pm—3:15pm BREAK: 3:15pm—3:30pm Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Children and Youth Justice): 3.30pm—4:45pm BREAK: 4:45pm—5pm Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Multicultural Affairs): 5pm—5:45pm	Published no later than 12:30pm, Monday, 14 December

In speaking to this motion, the Palaszczuk government went to the 2020 election with a promise to Queenslanders that we would deliver a budget by the end of the year, and that is what we will do. My esteemed colleague the honourable the Treasurer, the member for Woodridge, will deliver the Palaszczuk government's budget next Tuesday, 1 December 2020, and what a great budget it will be as we get on with the job of delivering economic recovery for Queensland as we get through COVID-19.

As members would be aware, and for the interests of our new members, after a budget is handed down we have an estimates period where all members of parliament have the opportunity to review the budget and ask questions of ministers of the Crown about the expenditure of public funds. To ensure that this process can occur this year, we will have to have estimates before Christmas. This means that we will have the budget next week and then the week after we will have five days of estimates and then the following week we will have another two days of estimates hearings. That is a full seven days of estimates hearings where those opposite can come in and ask questions of the elected ministers of the Crown about the Queensland budget.

Due to Christmas fast approaching, bespoke sessional orders are needed to ensure that estimates can occur in an orderly manner but a manner that will afford the opportunity for all committees to meet over the full seven days, unlike what those opposite did when they were in government. The motion before the House today outlines the days for estimates for each portfolio committee, the times within and the process for questions on notice. The schedule within the motion has been derived based on previous estimates hearings and the size of the portfolio of the minister.

I look forward as the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services to attend my estimates hearings for four hours to answer the questions of the government and non-government members of the Health and Environment Committee. I am also mindful that shadow ministers usually attend committees and I look forward to hearing questions from the shadow minister for health and ambulance services. I hope she can contain her excitement and behaviour and not get thrown out of estimates, unlike her performance this morning in question time.


The Palaszczuk government stands ready and willing during estimates to answer any questions about our budget. We are proud of our record and the budget we will deliver. The people have put their faith in us to deliver on our election commitments and I am proud of all of them, in particular in the health space, and I look forward to talking more about that not only at estimates but also during budget week.

It is disappointing but not surprising that those opposite have started to attack and spread mistruths about the budget and estimates process already. In particular I mention the Manager of Opposition Business, who I have been advised went on radio and carried on about budget week and estimates, even indicating that we have somehow truncated the budget process. For the benefit of the entire House this is incorrect. The Palaszczuk government will sit for the full four days of budget week. All members of the House will be afforded the opportunity to make a contribution to the budget, just like every other year. The Palaszczuk government is holding estimates for the full seven days to allow the committees to properly scrutinise the budget.

Those opposite might criticise the fact that we are going straight into estimates and the length of time they have to prepare questions on notice, but can I say that it is the ministers who are putting themselves forward at short notice to answer to the people of Queensland and to allow themselves to be scrutinised. If the ministers are willing to do it then the opposition should be willing to do it. Let us pause and reflect on what those opposite did. When they were in government, albeit for a brief period, they attacked not only the Public Service but many government functions.

They changed the rules to hold estimates over three days. That meant that the opposition at the time had to run between hearings to ask questions of ministers and the media had difficulty covering multiple hearings at the same time leading potentially to less public scrutiny. Remember that the opposition at that time was in single digits. As they say, those in glass houses should not throw stones and those opposite should not come in here and go on radio and talk down the estimates process and say that somehow the government is rushing the budget through. We promised the people of Queensland that we would hand down a budget in 2020. Those opposite spent the entire election telling people we were the only state that had not handed down a budget. That is completely untrue and inconsistent with what the national cabinet agreed with all states and territories to do, which was to delay their budget until after the federal budget.

The record of those opposite on democracy is as low as ever. The motion before the House is simple. It sets out the full seven days of estimates, it sets out the time frames within each committee, which is based on previous years as much as possible, and it sets out the method for questions on notice to be asked and answered prior to the committee. As such, the Palaszczuk government is going through a full budget and estimates process and I encourage all members to support this motion.

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (6.33 pm): During the election the government did promise to hand down a budget before Christmas. What the government did not say is that it was going to rush the estimates process. Ordinarily when a budget is handed down there is a period of time, which is weeks, where the committees go away and undertake appropriate research on the budget. The committees ask appropriate questions on notice—in fact, around 380 questions on notice—to dig deep into the detail of the budget and find things from those answers on notice that are not contained in the budget. That is what is being rushed. To be frank to the Leader of the House, I thank her for her advice, but whether or not I go on radio will not be because she says I should or should not. I will go on radio and call out a disgrace when I see it, and this is a disgrace.

If the Leader of the House wants people to believe that the budget will pass in the second week of the sittings of the estimates that is wrong, because the parliament has to come back and deal with the budget after the estimates process where committee reports are tabled and we have debates on the reports. The government can hand down a budget this year without having the estimates. New South Wales has handed down its budget and its estimates process is in February next year when the parliament resumes.

In the table that has been put forward by the Leader of the House the budget gets handed down on 1 December, which is next Tuesday. Questions to ministers for the budgetary process are required to be in two days later—one business day—on 3 December. On 7 December ministers are required to answer those questions—for the Economics and Governance Committee, by eight o'clock in the morning. Estimates starts at nine o'clock in the morning. The opposition is up to the job. We will do it. When the Leader of the House talks about the ministers being the ones having to front up to estimates and prepare, based on what I have seen of this government's appearances at estimates in the last five years I would say the ministers have not had to do much to prepare for the estimates. I suspect the public servants and the directors-general are doing all the work. I am advised that we still do not have proper administrative arrangements in departments. Ministerial staffers have not been appointed to ministers' offices. Some departments do not even know what is in their budget or what they are doing on Tuesday next week when it gets handed down. These officials will be required some few days later to turn up to estimates and appear to have all the knowledge.

The people who are not being served properly by a proper estimates process are the people of Queensland. They will not have the time to appropriately delve into the issues. We know that, when questions on notice are asked—and there are over 300 questions on notice that the committees put forward to the ministers—and the detail that is not contained within the budget is delved into, that is the basis of many of the issues that come before and out of estimates. That will not happen appropriately considering committees will have one day to get questions on notice in, considering the budget gets handed down on 1 December, questions on notice have to be put in by 3 December and then the ministers will respond one hour before estimates start at nine o'clock on 7 December.

When I was on ABC Radio with Steve Austin, as the Leader of the House referred to, I was explaining to Steve that usually with an estimates process you have a period of time in which the committees will undertake appropriate research. The government says this is the most important budget in a generation and it is rushing it before Christmas. They are rushing the estimates process. They are rushing it before Christmas so that they can get it all out of the way while the Christmas trees are being put up around Queensland. They can get all the bad news out of the way before Christmas and then come back next year and start fresh without the integrity and accountability of the estimates process. Is it any wonder when we have just had a debate where those opposite rode roughshod over members in this place?

The Leader of the House talks about the estimates process in the former LNP government. We required ministers to attend two full days of inquiry. The ministers in the LNP government sat at the estimates table for two full days and were grilled on the budget. In this estimates process we have the Premier being grilled for 1.5 hours.

For two full days, LNP ministers sat before the estimates committees. These ministers will barely give the committees an hour and a half. The Premier of the state, who describes the budget as the most important budget in a generation, is giving us—how honourable of her—1.5 hours of her time after the budget is handed down. That is how seriously the Labor Premier treats the budget.

Mr Nicholls: She went on holidays after her first time one.

Mr BLEIJIE: I recall; I take the interjection from the member for Clayfield. The Premier handed down her first budget and on the second day of the budget estimates hearings the jet flew and she was away.

Mr Nicholls: She can't do it this time though.

Mr BLEIJIE: The borders are open and the jet will be up in the air. The Treasurer is giving less than four hours. This is the most important budget in a generation and the Treasurer is giving less than four hours to the estimates process. I will go on radio and media and call out the disgrace that the Labor government is making of this parliament and the continual betrayal of the public of Queensland in terms of rushing bills through without appropriate scrutiny.

This afternoon I had a pleasant meeting with the Leader of the House at which I was briefed on the sessional and standing orders. I inquired about the estimates process, but it had not been finalised. I suspect that we are delayed here now because this is hot off the printer with what they have worked out with questions on notice and so forth. This is no way to run a government. The Leader of the House says, 'We made an election commitment when we said we would hand down a budget.' Every indication points to a government that has not clearly thought through the process for the budget or the estimates process.

There is no reason why the estimates cannot happen later, even if the budget is handed down this year. They have made an election commitment and they can tick the box for that election commitment, after which the estimates process takes its natural course. In this parliament they are continually changing the goalposts to suit their own agenda, which is based on their arrogance.

Mr Bailey interjected.

Mr BLEIJIE: In the past five years their hubris has built up, particularly in the squawking minister who is interjecting now, the Minister for Main Roads. He would be one of the worst offenders for arrogance and hubris that I have ever seen in this parliament.

Mr SPEAKER: The member for Miller will put his comments through the chair.

Mr BLEIJIE: The public of Queensland ought to know about this. We will not sit in silence as the Leader of the House moves motions, saying that it is for the benefit of democracy and that everyone will have their say. We know that the departments are in a complete chaotic mess. We know that they are having to appoint a former vote-rigging rorter, Mike Kaiser, to fill an acting role because they do not have the people in those positions—

Mrs D'ATH: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The Manager of Opposition Business has strayed from the motion before us. I ask that he be relevant and brought back to the motion.

Mr SPEAKER: I will allow it. You will come back to the motion, member.

Mr BLEIJIE: I suspect that Director-General Kaiser will be sitting at the estimates table. If he is not I ask that the government let us know. I think it is pretty important that the director-general is part of the estimates process.

This is a sham. It is a disgrace. They are rushing it through before Christmas when people are preoccupied with Christmas activities and with finalising 2020. It should not happen. Estimates should take place at an appropriate time in the new year.

(Time expired)

Division: Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

AYES, 49:

ALP, 49—Bailey, Boyd, Brown, Bush, Crawford, D'Ath, de Brenni, Dick, Enoch, Farmer, Fentiman, Furner, Gilbert, Grace, Harper, Healy, Hinchliffe, Howard, Hunt, Kelly, A. King, S. King, Lauga, Lui, Madden, McCallum, McMahan, McMillan, Mellish, Miles, Mullen, O'Rourke, Palaszczuk, Pease, Pegg, Power, Pugh, Richards, Russo, Ryan, Saunders, Scanlon, Skelton, Smith, Stewart, Sullivan, Tantari, Walker, Whiting.

NOES, 36:

LNP, 32—Bates, Bennett, Bleijie, Boothman, Boyce, Camm, Crandon, Crisafulli, Frecklington, Hart, Janetzki, Krause, Langbroek, Last, Leahy, Lister, Mander, McDonald, Mickelberg, Millar, Minnikin, Molhoek, Nicholls, O'Connor, Perrett, Purdie, Robinson, Rowan, Simpson, Stevens, Watts, Weir.

Grn, 2—Berkman, MacMahon.

KAP, 2—Dametto, Katter.

Pairs: Butcher, Gerber; Linard, Powell.

Resolved in the affirmative.

SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT



Hon. YM D'ATH (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (6.48 pm): I move—

That the House, at its rising, do adjourn until 9.30 am on Tuesday, 1 December 2020.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT



Hon. YM D'ATH (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (6.49 pm): I move—

That the House do now adjourn.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The House adjourned at 6.49 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Andrew, Bailey, Bates, Bennett, Berkman, Bleijie, Bolton, Boothman, Boyce, Boyd, Brown, Bush, Camm, Crandon, Crawford, Crisafulli, D'Ath, Dameetto, de Brenni, Dick, Enoch, Farmer, Fentiman, Frecklington, Furner, Gerber, Gilbert, Grace, Harper, Hart, Healy, Hinchliffe, Howard, Hunt, Janetzki, Katter, Kelly, King A, King S, Knuth, Krause, Langbroek, Last, Lauga, Leahy, Lister, Lui, MacMahon, Madden, Mander, McCallum, McDonald, McMahon, McMillan, Mellish, Mickelberg, Miles, Millar, Minnikin, Molhoek, Mullen, Nicholls, O'Connor, O'Rourke, Palaszczuk, Pease, Pegg, Perrett, Pitt, Powell, Power, Pugh, Purdie, Richards, Robinson, Rowan, Russo, Ryan, Saunders, Scanlon, Simpson, Skelton, Smith, Stevens, Stewart, Sullivan, Tantari, Walker, Watts, Weir, Whiting