



Speech by

VAUGHAN JOHNSON

MEMBER FOR GREGORY

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CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Mr JOHNSON (Gregory—NPA) (6.54 p.m.): This evening there is one thing that I wish to say: as the member for Maryborough said earlier, the people of Maryborough have been waiting for something to happen at the Maryborough Hospital for six years. The Minister was in Government then. How many capital works programs did she deliberate on and roll over year after year? Michael Horan was the bloke who delivered.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! The member will refer to other members by their proper title.

Mr JOHNSON: In the 1998-99 Budget, he was going to allocate \$17m. This Minister mentioned a figure of \$6m. The only reason the Minister revised that amount is that the Premier went up there last Sunday night to bail her out of trouble. If the Minister had any credibility at all——

Mrs EDMOND: I rise to a point of order. The member is confused between capital and recurrent funding. I advise him that there is a difference.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! There is no point of order.

Mr JOHNSON: The Premier went up there last Sunday night to bail the Minister out of trouble. The Minister has no credibility at all. She should take a leaf out of Michael Horan's book and lead from the front.

Time expired.