



Speech by

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PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Hon. R. E. BORBIDGE (Surfers Paradise—NPA) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.27 a.m.): Yesterday we saw another public administration drought in Queensland when the Ministry and the Cabinet of Premier "Peter Do-Little" met. Week after week after week we have had appalling inaction from this Government despite the public relations hype of honourable members opposite. The fact is that after nearly 12 months in office the Premier cannot put his signature on one major economic development proposal in this State.

Look at what is happening in Queensland today. We have Briztram, the Gold Coast Motorway, the Goodwill Games, the redevelopment of the Cairns Esplanade and the Townsville Strand and the commitments in respect of the University of Queensland—all initiatives of the previous coalition Government. We have lost Expo 2002, we have lost Botanica 2000, and it looks as if we have lost Stage 2 of Korea Zinc because of the industrial relations subservience of this Government to the CFMEU.

I can understand why the Premier does not want to send out Ministers to meet the press after Cabinet. Would he send out the Minister for Public Works and Housing after his audition for the Benny Hill Show on national television the other week? Would he send out the Treasurer after the Treasurer accused farmers and people in regional and rural Queensland of being prepared to rot the diesel fuel rebate? Would he send out the Minister for Environment after the Minister for Environment said that the dingo bounty should be abolished because farmers were breeding dingoes so that they could get a \$10 bounty?

The fact is that this Government's record speaks for itself. It is appalling.
Time expired.
