



Speech by

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GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR UNIONS

Mr SANTORO (Clayfield—LP) (10.28 a.m.): If there was ever any doubt that this Government is totally controlled by the union movement, it was dispelled in this place this morning when the Premier handed out \$200,000 of taxpayers' money to support people who basically sent a company broke, decimated its commercial success and got a payout. In this place today they got another \$200,000.

This Government is showing that if people go on strike, cripple a company, send it broke and get a payout, they will get another payout here. This Parliament was shown this morning that if people go on strike, go on a picket line and get arrested, they get sanctified by the law-makers opposite.

Mr Borbidge: They get rewarded.

Mr SANTORO: They get rewarded, as the Leader of the Opposition said. This is a Government by the unions and for the unions, as its changes to unfair dismissal laws, entry rights to workplaces for unions and changes to workers compensation laws will very quickly prove. It is nothing but a puppet of the union movement in this State and the people of Queensland will judge it harshly at the next election.

Time expired.
