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Mr MICKEL (Logan—ALP) (11.26 p.m.): Several weeks ago I pointed out that the Queensland Liberals had been forced to take in washing and ironing in an attempt to drum up the hard-nosed cash that they need to run the show. Then the Premier sunk the boot in. He blew the gaffe on them when he pointed out that they could not even run a raffle. The Santoro faction might control the branch, but they have run the finances into the ground. In fact, they are more broke than a new year's resolution. It is no wonder that Graham Jaeschke took flight and headed off to South Australia before the liquidators were brought in. What a wise choice that was.

Someone with the Queensland Liberals' best interests at heart has kindly given me a copy of the riches that Mr Jaeschke has walked into. In a document that I am happy to table in the House, so that the Liberal leader, the member for Robina, can tap into the donors' list, I have the fundraising plan for the South Australian Liberals. They plan to raise \$350,000 for the federal election, but \$1.5 million for their own state election. That is \$350,000 for the feds and \$1.5 million for their own state election. It is as obvious that they think as much of John Howard as we do. They need \$400,000 to run the show. From the list that I have, they will raise \$1.279 million from past donors, \$200,000 from fundraising events and \$100,000 from the fishing industry, leaving them with a shortfall of \$670,000. At least they have that much in common with the Queensland Liberals!

The other thing that struck me is that the South Australian Liberals can benefit from Knowledge Nation, because the document reveals just how bad the South Australian education system must be. With all the untold wealth that they hope to raise, the Liberals managed to misspell the word 'invited' and have the apostrophe in the wrong place in the word 'presidents'. But the member for Robina should not despair. The whole document was drawn up for the re-election of the Olsen government, which has now left the scene.

In the spirit of bipartisanship, I now seek leave of the House to table this document so that the Queensland Liberals can tap into these well known and well-heeled South Australian donors.

Leave granted.
