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BEATTIE LABOR GOVERNMENT

Mr HORAN (Toowoomba South—NPA) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.13 a.m.): The hallmark of the Beattie Labor government continues to be the arrogance, the incompetence and the non-delivery of services. We have seen over and over again just how this government cannot deliver one major project for this state. The priorities of good government should be the delivering of day-to-day services that are important to people, not the priority of a Community Engagement Division within the Premier's Department that is a de facto name for the Premier's own PR machine. It is more important to see that normal services that are required are delivered.

In the last financial year this government saw an \$820 million operating deficit in the budget, as well as a \$280 million non-spend in the Capital Works Program. We have also seen the capital works budget for this year cut on a budget-to-budget basis. One of the most important ways of providing employment in this state is through a good Capital Works Program and an increasing Capital Works Program, not a cutback and a non-spend in the previous financial year.

The people of Queensland expect delivery of good services. What about the issue of seatbelts on school buses? That issue has been thrown away again to another review committee. The unemployment figures in this state are an absolute disgrace, because month after month the great state of Queensland comes last in Australia in the unemployment figures. One would think that with our sunshine, our tourism opportunities, our agriculture and mining and all the opportunities of this great state we would be above average. If anything emphasises the below average, substandard and below par performance of this government, it is the very fact that month after month we come last in the unemployment figures in this country. It is time the government got its priorities right and started to deliver services instead of concentrating on a government that is all about publicity and self-promotion.

Time expired.
