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ENERGEX; MR G. MADDOCK

Mr SPRINGBORG (Southern Downs—NPA) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.28 a.m.): The statement in parliament yesterday by the Premier on the death of Greg Maddock has left many unanswered questions, questions that must ultimately be resolved before there can be closure of this matter. The following are just some of those unanswered questions: what did Lyn Maddock mean when she said at her husband's funeral that her husband believed that he was about to be targeted in a very deliberate and personal way; who were these people that were targeting Greg Maddock and did they ultimately cause him to suicide?

What statement was Greg Maddock making when he chose to take his own life at the Wilston Railway Station? What motivated Treasury to conduct its own investigation of Mr Maddock's expenses at the same time as the Auditor-General? Did Treasury start its investigation of Greg Maddock in retaliation for him raising concerns with the government that they had been advised of the extent of the power system crisis and the impact of the dividend raids, a fact that the government had been previously denying?

Why are four former and current ministers for energy and the Treasurer still sitting in cabinet, having been promoted and absolved from responsibility for the power crisis, which the government created, when heads are rolling in the energy GOCs? Why were crucial documents or parts of documents left out of the Premier's statement to parliament yesterday? Why did the Beattie government act with such hypocrisy in launching its own investigation of Greg Maddock during the Auditor-General's investigation into his expense claim anomalies of \$31,000 when, in contrast, all the government could do was to ignore and castigate the Auditor-General when he reported on the Beattie government's theft of \$150 million in special dividends from Energex, an action that the Auditor-General described as potentially illegal?

How is it possible that documents forecasting impending power distribution failures were sent to the Office of Energy and the Office of Government Owned Corporations, yet were not sighted by the responsible ministers—

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