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DOCTOR FATIGUE; BLIGH GOVERNMENT

Mr LANGBROEK (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (11.31 am): This morning we have heard the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health become a medical workforce fatigue denier. We have had all sorts of arguments from the Deputy Premier this morning about whose fault it is. The fact is that 7½ years ago Elise Neville suffered because of a doctor who was terribly medically fatigued. That was 7½ years ago, and this government has not done anything about this issue since.

Today the Deputy Premier was blaming doctors and he was blaming whistleblowers. If there was ever a need for the questions that we raised yesterday in our *Integrity and accountability in Queensland* issues paper it is evidenced by the question that we asked: should whistleblower protection be extended to include persons who deliver government services? I table that document and note that the document has been amended as per the Speaker's recommendations.

Tabled paper: Integrity and Accountability in Queensland, Issues Paper No. 2 [\[911\]](#).

Today we saw the Deputy Premier showing the form that he normally does and that he showed during the last election campaign, and that is to go for the person who blows the whistle—just like the person who had the fuel station in his electorate who was told that if he put up advertising signs for the LNP that might come back on his business. That is the style of this government—intimidation and those old-style bovver-boy tactics. It does not matter what it is—on any issue of honesty or transparency or accountability—this whole government is guilty.

Whether it is the Q2 report card that came out last week or on these health matters, if we look at these parameters we see that those opposite are all good at talking about planning for the future but then they ignore the targets that they are aiming for: achieving what was planned—fail; integrity in the process—fail; protecting jobs—fail; building the economy—fail! On all of those issues resulting from last year's Q2 statement that the Premier wanted to talk about the anniversary of, the three issues that the government failed on are: keeping our AAA credit rating; our unemployment rate, which has gone up by 50,000 since the election; and our economic growth, which has not been maintained in the second strongest state behind WA.

(Time expired)