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LABOR GOVERNMENTS, ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION

Mr SPRINGBORG (Southern Downs—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (11.34 am): This morning in this place we heard the most pathetic defence of this corrupt Labor government by the Premier and the Treasurer. Indeed, the Treasurer already knows he is on his way out; he is inching towards the back door. He will be out of this place in the next 35 seconds. The jury is in: 65 per cent of Queenslanders believe that the Queensland Labor Party is corrupt. Sixty-five per cent of Queenslanders believe that this Premier leads a corrupt and nepotistic Labor government. The jury is in, and that is all that really matters in Queensland. Even Labor Party luminary Wayne Goss said that there are worrying signs of corruption coming out of this Queensland government.

However, what does this government do? Today it comes into this place absolutely and completely incapable of accepting responsibility for what is going on underneath its own feet. This morning from this side we have heard example after example after example after example of this government colluding with its Labor mates. There is a conga line of Labor mates. They line up, one after the other, to suck on the taxpayer's teat. What does the government say to all its Labor mates? 'All of you, come in, come in!'

Today, the Premier was not able to answer these questions: when was the last time she met with Terry Mackenroth and what was discussed? When was the last time she met with her friends from the Devine board, either singularly or collectively, and what was discussed? There was no answer. What was discussed when they met with Terry Eil? There was no answer. The philosophy of this government is: let's move forward without looking backwards; smear and diversion; never get to the nub of it. That is why we need an inquiry from a government that actually closed down the Cooke inquiry years ago.

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