



Speech by

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PERFORMANCE OF MINISTERS

Mr LANGBROEK (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (11.32 am): Yesterday and today we have seen ministers playing hide and seek and today we heard the Minister for Transport talking about a \$215 billion plan that is supposedly fully funded but does not include any new taxes and ruled out any charges. This is magic pudding economics from the government.

Yesterday we saw the member for Aspley, a hardworking, dedicated member, ask the Minister for Child Safety a question without notice in relation to blue cards, most notably that applicants can now claim one of three genders: male, female and indeterminate. We have seen this minister in action before—and I use the word 'action' loosely. He is also referred to as the 'Minister for Fast Cars', the 'Minister for Photo Opportunities with Sporting Heroes' and the 'Minister for Labor Mates'. We also now have a 'Minister for Passing the Buck' to supposedly the Minister for Communities. One could excuse Queenslanders for being cynical about the level of dedication the 'Minister for Passing the Buck' has to his other portfolio area.

Mr REEVES: I rise to a point of order. I find those words offensive and untrue and I ask for them to be withdrawn.

Mr LANGBROEK: I withdraw. Here is the kicker: this is the man who was identified in a survey last year as a game show host. Whilst Queensland's most vulnerable kids are being abused, the 'Minister for Fast Cars' takes cover. Whilst the number for Indigenous kids in care continues to rise, the 'Minister for Labor Mates' heads for the hills.

Mr REEVES: I rise to a point of order. I find those words offensive and untrue and I ask for them to be withdrawn.

Mr LANGBROEK: I withdraw. The fact is that kids are being kicked to the kerb by this minister.

Mr REEVES: I rise to a point of order. I find those words offensive and untrue and I ask for them to be withdrawn.

Mr LANGBROEK: I withdraw. Queenslanders have a right to know whether a Minister for Child Safety on that side of the House actually exists. Kids deserve better than this.

Mr REEVES: I rise to a point of order. I find those words offensive and untrue and ask for them to be withdrawn.

Mr LANGBROEK: I withdraw, but I find that he has—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, you will withdraw unconditionally.

Mr LANGBROEK: I withdraw. Kids deserve better than this, families deserve better than this and, quite frankly, Queenslanders deserve better. When I was in Cairns last week we also had local members ducking for cover. I was at Trinity Park where there is a public housing development being foisted on the community by a government that is not consulting and the member for Barron River was nowhere to be seen and not representing his local community.

(Time expired)