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LABOR GOVERNMENTS, ELECTION PROMISES

Mr LANGBROEK (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (11.32 am): Again in question time this morning we saw what the federal Labor government will do—say anything before an election and do something completely different after it—after I asked a question of the Premier about whether there is going to be a sell-off of Queensland Health run nursing homes. A right to information document we received says in the health minister's charter of goals—

Promote the role of non-Government and private sector in the delivery of residential aged care services and where appropriate consider the transfer of Queensland Health facilities to those providers

That is confirmation of more privatisations on the horizon. These nursing homes are Ashworth House Nursing Home in Zillmere, Cooina House at Redcliffe and others located in the areas of Charters Towers, Rockhampton, Sandgate, Kingaroy, Dalby, Wynnum West, Nambour, North Rockhampton, Roma, Maryborough and Cleveland, the Woorabinda Multipurpose Health Service and the Yumba Binda Aged Persons Hostel in Woorabinda. That is what this government will do. The state government did this after an election last year and the federal government will do exactly the same. Julia Gillard will say anything to get elected and then do anything afterwards, as we have seen from this state Labor government.

Again this morning the Treasurer claimed that today's report says that there is more private sector investment in Queensland—greater than anywhere else in the country—yet yesterday he said that private sector investment remains challenged and that the banks should unlock that finance. But suddenly overnight the banks have obviously unlocked that finance because today he is quoting from another report that says that private sector finance has been unlocked and there is more private sector investment.

Mr Fraser: What's your point?

Mr LANGBROEK: The point is that he changes his position from one day to the next. The Treasurer of course talks about data, but I want to talk about people—the people of Queensland. Under Labor we just have lots of economic data which the Treasurer says indicates that we are going better, but commercial vacancies are up, there is heavy discounting in retail, falling trade in department stores, falling numbers of dwelling approvals and price deflation in many sectors. It is only this Treasurer who says that things are great, because he has no idea because he has not had a real job. He just tells Queenslanders what he thinks is happening because he has no idea.