




Speech by

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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (3.43 pm): I note my good friend the Attorney-General will be delivering his valedictory speech in the House later today. I did not realise until this morning that the Hon. Attorney-General is such an admirer of mine. I thank him for taking the time to visit my Facebook page. What does concern me is that the Hon. Attorney would have the time to troll through my photos on Facebook, or perhaps Eamonn Fitzpatrick was doing it for him in the back room. I note also that last month the Attorney tabled the *Brisbane Legal* front page, which I was featured on. I did suggest that perhaps he would like to be 'Mr December'. I am looking forward to seeing if the Hon. Attorney took that opportunity to request the front page of *Brisbane Legal* for this coming month.

I thought I might look back at the history of the last couple of years in the Labor Party and the drama that has unfolded in Queensland. Let us start with none other than the Health payroll debacle. If governments cannot pay our nurses and allied health professionals then they do not deserve another term in government. We then had some \$700 million in outstanding fines which the government cannot seem to rein in. We have had electoral law changes and funding law changes which left the Electoral Commission scratching its head trying to interpret that legislation, which we warned about at the time.

The Labor legacy will be one of broken promises and failing our Queensland economy. We have seen it on the Sunshine Coast with the delay of the Sunshine Coast University Hospital by a few years. We need that hospital. We need it now. We need it urgently, and 30,000 people signed the petition calling for the hospital, which will help our ambulance officers who are ramping unnecessarily at Nambour. They need all the support they can get.

(Time expired)