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 **Ms PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Leader of the Opposition) (5.30 pm): If you look at the *Courier-Mail* website at the moment you will see the headline ‘Newman out of touch with “thankful people”’. Today in the parliament we have heard a lot about election commitments and about what this government promised. But I know there is one thing the government did not go to the election with—that is, the massive job cuts that are now occurring under this government.

Let us recap on the week that was. We had the Minister for Transport and Main Roads announce that some 1,970 jobs were going, going, going to be gone—in Transport and Main Roads around 1,300 staff, in RoadTek around 600 staff and in TransLink around 70 staff. In relation to the new Supreme and District courts complex, which will be opened tomorrow—I am quite sure the Attorney-General will be there helping to cut the ribbon—we have heard of the potential that 200 court reporting staff will also be gone. There are also rumours now circulating that this government plans to shut Magistrates courts across Queensland. Is this true or not? This will have a huge impact in regional communities. Government members should be under no illusion: people will be going to their electorate offices and talking about the job cuts, because it is a real issue.

Tomorrow morning 612ABC will be running a phone-in to the Cereal Box asking, ‘What would you say to the Premier, if you ran into him at the service station, about the job cuts?’ I know what most people would say. They would say, ‘We want to keep our jobs.’ I do not recall before the election seeing one LNP television advertisement or one LNP brochure talking about the potential for 20,000 job cuts.

Each and every member of the LNP government should hang their head in shame, because the people out there are losing trust in their government. They are losing trust in your government because you have breached that fundamental trust by not telling them the truth. I note that the Premier is in the chamber. Here is a chance for everybody to tell the Premier what they think about these massive job cuts, because these cuts affect real people and families who have mortgages to pay. These are real people with real jobs, and you are treating them with contempt.

Madam SPEAKER: Order! Leader of the Opposition, you will direct your comments through the chair and cease using the term ‘you’ in respect of other members in the House.

Ms PALASZCZUK: Government members will hear firsthand what people have to say when they go back to their electorates.

(Time expired)