



MEMBER FOR BUNDAMBA

Hansard Friday, 14 September 2012

NEWMAN GOVERNMENT

Mrs MILLER (Bundamba—ALP) (9.00 pm): I rise tonight to speak about the extraordinary response in the *Courier-Mail* to Premier Campbell Newman's assertion that it is 'simply not true' that his government has sacked 14,000 public servants. It is reported that the Premier today decried the 'hype and hysteria' around the LNP's widespread cost-cutting regime, saying that many were 'choosing' to take voluntary redundancy packages. It is very interesting tonight that when I last looked there were over 600 responses to the *Courier-Mail* website basically saying that Mr Newman was kidding himself. In fact, comment No. 32 states—

Am i reading this correct ?? Our department lost 350 personnel. They were told their services are outsourced and they are no longer required. This doesn't look like they are leaving voluntary. Choose your words carefully Mr. CAN NOT DO and show respect to all who are suffering and leaving. Of course, I am one of the 350 unfortunate public servants leaving due to the political games by LNP.

Comment No. 34 states-

Sorry Mr Premier, Offering staff a redundancy to leave or the other alternative which is not to take the redundancy, and be placed in a redeploy pool where the chances of actually getting a Gov job by redeployment where there are no jobs are almost zero, sure looks like sackings no matter which way you look at it.

Then comment No. 63 states-

Who are you kidding Newman. I am an AO4.4 and been in government for a fair time and acted in an AO6 level for 4 years and get a payout with no recognition of my higher duties, so I was used all that time and yet someone who had just been in appointment in an AO6 for two months gets their entire service paid at that level. What a joke you are—

meaning Mr Newman-

this is not a generous package for someone who is like me, single with kids trying to pay a mortgage. We don't all live in luxury houses getting a large salary like Newman every fortnight. Lets see Newman live on the poverty line like most in the state.

And the comments go on and on.

Government members interjected.

Mrs MILLER: I take those dreadful interjections, because do you know what level an AO4 is paid at or what an AO4.4 actually means? Do you know what an AO6 means? Do you know what an SO means? Do you know what an SES officer means? Do you know what a CEO means?

Madam SPEAKER: Order! Member, you will refer your comments through the chair and cease using the term 'you'.

Mrs MILLER: Thank you for your guidance, Madam Speaker. No, because these MPs have not got a clue about the way the Public Service is structured. You should be ashamed of yourselves. I table this document.

Tabled paper: Extract from the Courier-Mail, dated 14 September 2012, titled 'Government hasn't sacked any public servants, they took generous options to leave, says Premier Campbell Newman' [1079].

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