




Speech By  
**Michael Crandon**

**MEMBER FOR COOMERA**

---

**MOTION: COMMISSION OF AUDIT**

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (5.59 pm): I do not often say this, but I am absolutely lost for words.

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr CRANDON:** I am going to do my best. We have just heard from the member opposite about the Queensland Plan. This was the member who did not want the Queensland Plan to be kicked off in his own electorate of Mackay. This is the member who has done nothing but bucket this plan all the way through to the extent that he did not want this parliament to invest some funds in his very own electorate. That is unbelievable.

I also find it difficult to believe the member for Mulgrave. I think he might have become confused, because he started to talk about reading things before they are released, or not reading things until after they are released, or something like that. He was having a go at the Treasurer and the Premier for not wanting to put something out in the marketplace without fully reading the document and understanding the document and coming to some conclusions. I will point something out to the member for Mulgrave. I ask him to go to the ALP website. As one of my colleagues has noted, the ALP website states five reasons to join the ALP. But the catch 22 is that, in order to read the five reasons, you have to be a member of the ALP. I am sorry—

**Mr Mander:** Genius!

**Mr CRANDON:** Genius. I was expecting to receive that interjection from my right. I take that interjection from my left. A moment ago the member for Southport pinched one of my lines when he said, 'Pot, kettle, black.' I kicked him for it because I was about to use it to describe the way the Labor opposition has been going on for the past 388 days in telling us all of the things that we used to tell them that they were not doing right. Now, they are telling us that we are not doing them right. The difference is that, then, we were making sense in that when they came to office in 2009 Queensland had an \$85 billion debt. Two weeks after coming to office the ALP decided that it was going to sell \$17 billion worth of assets. After \$17 billion worth of assets were sold, where did we end up?

**An opposition member** interjected.

**Mr CRANDON:** The member was told to stop screeching earlier. Please continue to stop screeching. Where did we end up? We sold \$17 billion in assets and we ended up with \$85 billion worth of debt. Hang on. There is something wrong here. It is obvious that the members opposite cannot count. They are saying that it has been 47 days since the Costello report was released. They were told 47 days ago that the Premier and the Treasurer are going to release the report in two months. Two months is around about 60 or 62 days, depending on when we started and when we finished. At the moment, the member for Mulgrave is trying to work that out. That is 13 or 14 days away. That is another two weeks away. It is nothing like the 10 May that they carry on about.

I now get to the bit where I have something to say—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr CRANDON:** I had nothing to say a minute ago. I was just pointing out all the errors that the members opposite were making. I make this very clear point: \$85 billion—

**Ms Trad** interjected.

**Mr CRANDON:** The member for South Brisbane should stop screeching. Under her government, \$85 billion worth of debt was forecast. In the same period, under our government the forecast is \$80 billion of debt. We are going to reduce the debt by \$5 billion in that same time line. How? By simply making the tough decisions that we have to make to move Queensland forward and the Queensland Plan is an important part of that. I say to the member for Mackay that we look forward to being in Mackay talking to his constituents in a few weeks time.