Speech By

Michael Hart

MEMBER FOR BURLEIGH

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Mr HART (Burleigh—LNP) (3.31 pm): It is interesting to get up after the member for Bundamba has talked about what has happened over the last five years. I understand that it is five years ago that the faceless men of the Labor Party moved on a Prime Minister in this country and replaced him with what has ultimately been an absolute failure in Julia Gillard. This morning it was very interesting to watch the TV and the process that is taking place today. Similar to what the member for Townsville said, there is a bit of a chook raffle happening down there today. This morning on TV it was interesting to watch Simon Crean. About 12 months ago he said that Kevin Rudd could not be the Prime Minister of this country ever again. This morning, he stands up in that place and says, 'It's time for Julia Gillard to go and it's time for Kevin Rudd to come back.' How hypocritical it is for this man to stand up down there when 12 months ago he stood there and he said that this man could never be Prime Minister of this country again.

Simon Crean also said that Labor had fallen into the trap of changing leaders. Then he went on to say, 'It's time we changed leaders again.' First he tells us that that is something that they should not be doing and then he goes on to tell us that that is something that they should do. It is just completely hypocritical.

It is now past half past three and those members will be filing in to make a decision on who should be the Prime Minister of this great country. I say to those people who are voting today that the only people who can make a decision on who should be the leader of this country are the people of Australia. So regardless of what happens over the next couple of hours in Canberra, regardless of who ends up being the prime minister, I call on whoever that is to call an election. The people of Queensland got it right on 24 March 2012 and they will get it right this time for Australia.

(Time expired)