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 **Ms SIMPSON** (Maroochydore—LNP) (3.40 pm): Charter letter? What charter letter? That sounds like a variation of that insurance advert where they are looking for a charter boat. Perhaps the only thing those two phrases have in common is that they are both a bit of a disaster. This government has been dragging its heels. The Palaszczuk government finally coughed up the charter letters for its ministers—that is the to-do list, the job contracts of the cabinet ministers of government—and, wait, they are dated this week. Seriously!

They have been spinning their wheels for the first 100 days of government and now we know why the car of state is not going anywhere. Is it any wonder that the driver does not have a road map and has left the brake on while the cabinet ministers are like passengers who have been checking out the leather seats, but they are not sure where they are heading or how they are going to get there? After 100 days of taking office the cabinet ministers who make up this Labor government got their formal to-do list only this week. The election was held at the end of January and ministers were sworn in on 16 February 2015. What a nightmare on George Street!

We have the biggest super portfolios that we have ever seen in this state, with the largest machinery-of-government changes, and there is no strategic implementation plan for the changes, not even a to-do list given in a timely way for those ministers who are supposed to be driving change. Pity anyone who is not a union official trying to get an appointment with a minister. These are the biggest super portfolios, the biggest inertia and the biggest mother-of-all bottlenecks because of what they have done. There are 14 super portfolios, but there certainly are not 14 super ministers. There is no evidence of a real plan, other than a glossy brochure for the media, about how they are going to clear Queensland's debt and build the infrastructure and deliver the services that this growing state needs. They are absolutely swamped and they are directionless.

But they have the unions to outsource their decisions to. This is the most union controlled Labor government that I can remember seeing in this House. The unions are stakeholders and, as stakeholders, they have a legitimate role to play in our state. But the difference is that, with the Queensland parliament and Labor, the unions are not just stakeholders; they own this Labor government lock, stock and barrel. They also probably own their first-born children as well as being named as beneficiaries in their wills.

I go back to the ministers who were chosen by their factions—not on ability but chosen by their factional alignments. The Premier's charter letter—

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