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 **Mr LANGBROEK** (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (10.23 am): We are into the second 100 days of the Palaszczuk government. What do we have to show for it? We have 44 reviews, but it is only early today so we will probably have another one before the end of question time. We have a number of good old-fashioned scandals—first involving the member for Cook, then the member for Pumicestone and today the Minister for Police.

The Premier said on 17 February, 'None of my ministers will make irresponsible comments about the economy.' I do not know how she views the Treasurer's comments two weeks ago today that we are in a recession and of course his comments yesterday that we are no longer in a recession.

An opposition member: It's a miracle.

Mr LANGBROEK: It really is a miracle. We also have a Public Service paralysed as it waits for the permanent appointment of the directors-general who will guide the Public Service through implementing the ALP's plan, even though they will not be very busy because there is no plan. The only debt plan they have is to repay the debt they owe to the union bosses.

In their first 100 days they have been claiming LNP deliverables as their own. The other thing that has been happening in their first 100 days is that they have been consumed by their own internal issues, as we have seen with the scandals involving those three members.

In February the Premier promised a merit based selection process for directors-general rather than axing them in a night of the long knives. The process would adhere to one of her government's fundamental tenets—her commitment to integrity and accountability. We have heard about it again today. That was in February. It is now June. They have made two appointments: the DG of Premier and Cabinet, a former Bligh government employee; and the Under Treasurer, who used to work for former prime minister Kevin Rudd. But there is nothing on the other 17 appointments to head up government departments.

Just how long does an open and accountable recruitment process take? Exactly what has Labor been doing for the last four months? I think what we do have is Labor preparing to dump out the decision when there is no parliamentary scrutiny, just as they did with car registration increases two weeks ago.

In the next 10 weeks there is one opportunity to put the government to the test and that is in mid-July. That is when we are expecting the Treasurer to distract and dazzle us with all his budget brilliance. It is a perfect time to bury the appointments of the directors-general of the Public Service or

the perfect time to bury the night of the long knives and watch the procession of senior officers as they are marched out of George Street.

We will be watching with interest to see what happens in terms of the promises that the Treasurer has made for the budget—no increase in debt, repaying debt, bringing down a surplus greater than the one we predicted and not increasing any taxes. One final word is to the directors-general. I remind them that they are covered by whistleblower legislation if they want to share any files on the way out the door.