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 **Mr LANGBROEK** (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (10.14 am): This is a government that clearly has no idea of what it is doing. It is obvious that it is worse than a do-nothing government; it is making life harder for Queenslanders. It has no economic agenda, it has no plan for building the job-creating infrastructure the state needs, and its ministers are crumbling under the weight of their inexperience and their mega portfolios. We have seen it time and time again this week, even from some of the government's most experienced ministers. We have even seen it this morning in ministerial statements. We heard the glowing selective commentary from the Standard & Poor's report from the Treasurer, where he was speaking about the fact that under the previous Labor government when we inherited a situation our economy was weak. There was no mention of the fact that previous Standard and Poor's reports about a weak performance when we were in government were because of Labor's poor budget management. We were the ones who did the hard work. We were the ones who got the debt down from a prospective \$85 billion to \$75 billion.

But the best thing about today's announcement from the Treasurer is what he did not read from the Standard & Poor's report. We have heard so much about the vaunted debt reduction strategy of the government, the debt action plan. What did Standard and Poor's have to say today in the report they released? I will not read a selective quote; this is the full sentence from Standard & Poor's in their rating update. They said—

We expect Queensland's debt action plan will not substantially lower its consolidated non-financial public sector debt burden, as its most significant measure—

and this is very critical and it something we have been saying from the start—

will simply transfer debt from one subsector within the NFPS to another.

So there it is being called out for what it actually is—a rort, a scheme conjured up by this Treasurer to try to fool the people of Queensland. Of course it is not just the Treasurer who has been kidding the people of Queensland that they are actually getting up to things in their portfolios and know what it is happening. We have had the education and tourism minister who has had to put out one, two, three or possibly four tourism investment guides—4.0 is obviously what we are going to see next. Are we up to version 4? And we have had revelations of IT bungles and disasters returning to plague Labor.

Today we had the education and tourism minister talking about her role as small business minister and spruiking her small business credentials. All you have to do is ask Nick Behrens from the Chamber of Commerce & Industry Queensland, the peak body for small business, about what he thought of the government's response to their red-tape-reduction paper. He said that this minister basically came on and, in his words, 'just blamed the other mob'. In relation to her committee that is

going to meet every three months, he said, 'If you are going to reduce red tape, a committee that's going to meet every three months ain't going to cut it.' And that is what we say about this government—it ain't going to cut it.