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 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (2.56 pm): Yesterday in the House I raised as a matter of significant public interest this clueless Labor administration's failure to provide for jobs and growth and failure to build the infrastructure that our growing state needs. I reflected on the low level of business confidence in this government and the reasons why that might be. I reflected on their failure to have a plan to build infrastructure and their failure to fund that infrastructure. I also reflected on their tendency to turn a blind eye to their union mates who shut down job-creating projects throughout the state and their failure after three months to put together a board for their only real infrastructure policy, Building Queensland. Their only appointment was to appoint someone I appointed to head Projects Queensland, Mr David Quinn. We have an infrastructure minister who reportedly did not even ask for funding for specific projects throughout the state. She did not even ask for the money to deliver it. In fact, we have an infrastructure minister who seems only able to say something when she is either axing a project or claiming credit for a project that the LNP started.

We saw that today with the infrastructure minister, the Deputy Premier, trying so carefully not to mention the 75 new cars being delivered as a result of the LNP's PP project including the stabling project. The only projects that this government has approved are projects that were well underway by the LNP government.

Let us have a look at what the Treasurer said. Mr Pitt in his media release on Friday said, 'The Palaszczuk government was pressing ahead with a series of major projects including the Toowoomba second range crossing.' Who started that one off?

Opposition members interjected.

Mr NICHOLLS: The LNP. The government wireless network—who made that happen after 10 years?

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Mr NICHOLLS: The LNP. New generation rolling stock—who made that happen after a long time?

Opposition members interjected.

Mr NICHOLLS: Exactly right. What about Queensland schools? He claims the Queensland schools PPP, but the education minister thinks it is a dreadful project. He likes it; she doesn't. That project is worth \$1.3 billion. Who started that project off? The LNP. Who started the Queens Wharf development? The LNP. The Commonwealth Games venues? The LNP. The stabling for the railways? The LNP. He then goes on to say, 'We have already approved these projects—Yeerongpilly green.' The Deputy Premier yesterday claimed credit for it. Who called it in and who announced it?

The LNP. Pacific View Estate, stuck in the doldrums under the Labor Party, was called in by us. The Beaudesert bypass was funded by us. The Coomera interchange, announced on the second day of the election campaign by me, is claimed by the Labor Party. Truly!

Then the Treasurer, in his own words on Friday on Channel 7 news, struggled to name any private projects he wants to go ahead. He said, 'I'm not the infrastructure minister so I haven't got those to hand and I'm also not Brisbane based.' This Treasurer does not know what his own government is going to deliver. This is a clueless government.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Thank you, member for Clayfield. You have certainly enlivened the chamber.