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 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (12.00 pm): Today yet again we have seen the handout mentality of the Palaszczuk Labor government, a government that is so completely bereft of its own ideas and ability to fund key infrastructure across our state that it has become the Oliver Twist of state jurisdictions around Australia. It constantly has its hand out to the federal Turnbull government demanding more because it has no money of its own to spend on vital transport and main roads infrastructure. It is completely reliant on the federal Turnbull government and, contrary to what it says, the Turnbull government has been delivering and delivering in spades for this state.

The federal budget that was released earlier this month delivers new funding for roads and transport infrastructure in this state. The Ipswich Motorway will receive \$200 million. I note that the Minister for Main Roads put out a press release regarding the Ipswich Motorway and there was only one little line at the bottom acknowledging the fact that it is fifty-fifty funded by the federal Turnbull government. There will be \$50 million alone for that project in 2015-16. The Turnbull federal government is investing \$50 million in project business cases for the inland rail between Melbourne and Brisbane. From 2019-20 we will see an extension of funding of \$400 million for Roads to Recovery, in 2016-17 alone in Queensland that will equate to \$163 million; Black Spot funding of \$60 million, in 2016-17 alone it will be \$23 million—I will come back to that in a moment; in the Bridges Renewal Program \$60 million, \$27.8 million in this coming financial year alone.

**Mr Bailey** interjected.

**Mr POWELL:** We can add that on top of the many existing initiatives that were previously committed to by the coalition government: \$6.7 billion on the Bruce Highway, with nearly \$600 million spent this year; the Gateway Upgrade North nearly \$1 billion, \$200 million of which will be spent this year; the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing, \$1.137 billion, nearly \$500 million of which will be spent this year; the Warrego Highway between Toowoomba and Miles, \$508 million, \$41 million spent this year; money into the Cape York Roads Package; the Moreton Bay Rail Link; the Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 2; projects such as the D'Aguiar Highway in the electorate of Glass House; the Dalrymple Road bridge over Bohle River; and the Kin Kora roundabout at Gladstone. As we heard from the member for Nanango, we had a commitment from the Turnbull government of \$150 million to deliver the Townsville Eastern Access Rail Corridor, a project that the LNP state opposition welcomes. Upgrading that railway line into the Port of Townsville is an incredible commitment to the region, maximising the productivity of the port and creating much needed jobs in Townsville.

**Mr Bailey** interjected.

**Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Ms Farmer): Order! Member for Main Roads, I think we can do without your interjections, thank you.

**Mr POWELL:** As the member for Nanango pointed out, there was not one voice of support from the local state members of parliament. It has been added to today by an announcement from Trevor Evans, the candidate for Brisbane, and Mayor Graham Quirk of some \$4 million for Black Spot funding programs in the Brisbane City Council environments. I would like to draw attention to the fact that residents who will benefit from the Ann Street and Commercial Road, Fortitude Valley improvements in the electorate of Brisbane Central do not need to thank the Brisbane Central member but rather Trevor Evans, the federal Turnbull government and Team Quirk. Similarly, those who use Wickham Street and Gotha Street in Fortitude Valley can thank Team Quirk and the Turnbull government. Those in Stafford who use Newmarket Road and Lamont Street in Wilston can thank the Turnbull government and Team Quirk. Those who use Kelvin Grove Road and Ithaca Street in Kelvin Grove can thank Team Quirk and the Turnbull government.

For six sites along Mount Nebo Road in the electorate of Ferny Grove we do not need to thank the member for Ferny Grove because he has done nothing. That is all Team Quirk and the federal Turnbull government. The intersection of Hawthorne Road and Carr Street in the Bulimba electorate was, again, nothing to do with the member for Bulimba, and all to do with the Turnbull government and Team Quirk. The intersection of Cavendish Road and Holland Road, Holland Park, in the electorate of Greenslopes was again delivered by the Turnbull government and Team Quirk. Two others, one in Inala at the intersection of Roxwell Street and Julie Road, Ellen Grove and the other at Bay Terrace and Bride Street in Wynnum are all being delivered by the Turnbull government and Team Quirk. The Palaszczuk Labor government continues to stick out its hand, despite being bereft of ideas and money. The Turnbull government and local councils like that of Graham Quirk keep delivering.