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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (10.43 am): What an extraordinary couple of weeks it has been for the LNP since the parliament last met. Last week we had the uncharacteristically insightful comment by Senator George Brandis that, under the leadership of the member for Clayfield, the opposition was not just mediocre; it was not very mediocre but was very, very mediocre. If there is one subject that Senator Brandis is qualified to speak about, it is mediocrity. It is fair to say that some men are born mediocre, other men achieve mediocrity and others have mediocrity thrust upon them. In the case of the Leader of the Opposition, it is all three. The member for Southern Downs and the members of the LNP must be completely bewildered about the point of the coup for leadership that was conducted by the LNP last May.

However, I am pleased to say that there is hope, because not only did Senator Brandis, an LNP senator from Queensland, identify the problem but he also identified the solution. He was quick to say that they should bring the miserable, ramshackle, loveless sham of a marriage to an end. The LNP should face the truth and knock it over. Of course, out of the rubble will come opportunity and not just for the member for Southern Downs but also the member for Everton, because the member for Everton will be able to pursue his quixotic obsession for failed leadership bids. He will be able to continue his quixotic but so far failed bid for the leadership of the LNP.

In the week before that, we had Campbell Newman skulking around like a shady character, having shady meetings with One Nation. It was real cloak and dagger stuff, although when it comes to Campbell Newman it is always less cloak and more dagger, which he put straight into the heart of the LNP and his close friend and confidant, the member for Clayfield. He belled the cat on his failed leadership. Campbell Newman, the Leader of the Opposition and the LNP need to come clean. How long have they been pining for Pauline? They want to do the deal. We know they want to do the deal. No longer does he have to say it is hypothetical, as he said on radio yesterday. The Leader of the Opposition can rule out a deal with One Nation and there are 30 seconds left before he can get up to say that.

A government member: Talk about your portfolio.

Mr DICK: I take the interjection. I would be happy to talk about my portfolio if one of those opposite had the guts to ask me a question. The dictionary defines mediocre as ordinary. It is clear that the Leader of the Opposition and the LNP are willing to sell Queensland out to the One Nation party—

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