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 **Hon. CW PITT** (Mulgrave—ALP) (Treasurer, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Minister for Sport) (10.26 am): Obviously, this week marks the first anniversary of the Palaszczuk government being sworn into office. We have seen a tale of two leaders. It has all come down to a matter of leadership. On the one hand, Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk has led the big achievements that we have been able to carry out: 12 months of job creation with over 60,000 jobs created, confidence boosted right throughout the state and, of course, growth is returning. Compare that with what we have seen from the Leader of the Opposition: in a nutshell, we have seen more of what we saw the previous three times he was rejected by the people of Queensland. Under his leadership, the LNP has not changed. They are in their fourth year of talking down our economy. They are not doing what they said they would do.

Let us think about what Mr Springborg said when he first came into his job after the election. He said, 'We will be a constructive opposition'. He said, 'We are not going to be criticising for the sake of criticising'. However, in this place we have not seen a less constructive opposition. In fact, you could argue that in this place we have never seen such a destructive opposition. We have seen an opposition that relies heavily on criticism—overwhelmingly baseless and, of course, opportunistic criticism. We have seen no positive policies and no positive ideas. We have seen nothing from those opposite. The one thing we have seen from them is their so-called Real Economic Plan, which they published mid last year. I feel very sorry for all the trees that had to give up their lives to produce that document. In the past we have seen 10-point plans, 20-point plans and 50-point plans, but there is only a one-point plan for those opposite. Anyone who looks through this document at all the glossy pictures and the fancy words would come to the conclusion that they only have a one-point plan—one policy—which comes straight back to asset sales.

The Leader of the Opposition regularly returns to the discussion around asset sales. He wants to have a discussion with Queenslanders. If they want to discuss it, we are happy to discuss it. Let us talk about asset sales. The people have made themselves pretty clear when it comes to keeping assets in public hands. The Leader of the Opposition, who has already been rejected three times by the people of Queensland, says that he wants asset sales again. Of course, the fine print of the document states that all the commitments in the plan have a use-by date. It states—

The commitments we make in this real economic plan are for the term of the parliament.

That means that if it is not in the term of this parliament it is straight back into asset sales afterwards. All bets are off. Anything can happen. That comes down to the so-called leadership of the member for Southern Downs. We have the Premier, who has shown her leadership by helping to pass alcohol fuelled violence laws last night, versus the member for Southern Downs, who has shown no leadership whatsoever. Let us see what he does when it comes to the next real test of his leadership, which is just around the corner.