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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.53 pm): The Queenslanders I have been speaking to over the past 24 hours have told me how disappointed they are that Labor's so-called infrastructure budget has failed to launch. After promises about the budget being all about infrastructure, the poor old Deputy Premier must be slightly embarrassed. She has failed to deliver on the long-awaited big infrastructure budget. Not only do we see \$2.3 billion less in capital purchases—

Ms Trad interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Deputy Premier, I would ask you to allow the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to make her contribution.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I direct the Deputy Premier to budget book No. 2 in relation to capital purchases. She has obviously not looked at the figures, which show capital spend down by \$2.3 billion. Infrastructure investment in the general government sector has also fallen by 2.2 per cent of gross state product—roughly half what it has been over the past five years and a long way short of Queenslanders' expectations.

This is all on the back of the Deputy Premier failing to deliver almost \$2 billion worth of the infrastructure spend that she announced last year. That figure represents an underspend of about 20 per cent. She was not able to deliver on the long-awaited infrastructure that their own budget papers talk about in the areas of health, infrastructure and much needed energy projects. Out in the regions we have had completely—

Ms Trad interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: It is a shame that the Deputy Premier is laughing about that. She has been seriously outgunned by the Treasurer. The infrastructure spend has been completely slashed. In Wide Bay, \$400 million has been cut. In Toowoomba, \$220 million has been slashed. In Brisbane, what did the Deputy Premier get for the Cross River Rail project that she and the Premier so desperately talk about? There is a mere \$50 million towards that much lauded project. Obviously the Treasurer does not want to deliver that project, as he gave her only \$50 million. This is not a government that is delivering infrastructure for Queensland.