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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (10.25 am): Having talent on your team is something the Labor Party never has to worry about. The 'member for drama camp', Kate Jones, the Minister for Education, got up and talked about my colleagues who are wishing to go to the federal scene. What she does not mention is that the opposition leader who sits in the civic cabinet is running for the federal parliament as well. The opposition leader of the Labor Party in the civic cabinet has abandoned the Labor Party in the Brisbane City Council. We are not going to be lectured about leadership by this mob because we know that there are intellectual lightweights on that side of the chamber. Last week the member for Mundingburra got up for a Dorothy Dixier question and had to ask herself who she was. She did not know who she was! Then the member for Greenslopes got up and tried to spell the word 'proud'. He could not even spell it: 'P-O-U; P-D-O-U; P-R-O-D'. He finally got it. Maybe he needs some assistance from the education minister.

On the issue of leadership, we will not be lectured to by the party that gave us Gordon Nuttall, Bill Darcy, Keith Wright, Merri Rose, Jim Elder, Mike Kaiser and, let us not forget, the Deputy Premier. The Deputy Premier signed off on a \$5,000 donation from Eddie Obeid. Never has it been explained to this House what the money was used for. Was the money paid back? Eddie Obeid was a corrupt official. The Deputy Premier's signature was all over that when she was the state secretary of the Labor Party. She has never explained why she took a corrupt payment from a corrupt individual.

Ms TRAD: I rise to a point of order. I find those remarks personally offensive. I ask that they be withdrawn.

Mr BLEIJIE: I withdraw. We know on this side of the House that the Premier is sitting in that seat because of her peerage, as is the Treasurer sitting next to her. Their parents served in this place. It is sort of like the House of Lords; they are here because of their parents. The countess from across the river is not far behind; she just does not have the lineage to get there. The real test of leadership will be when the Deputy Premier pulls the knife out. When is the Deputy Premier going to pull the knife out? A little birdie told us that the member for Ferny Grove has already had the knife pulled on him. The Deputy Premier wanted to get rid of him from the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee. The Deputy Premier wants the job but does not have the ticker to get it. If those opposite want to talk about leadership, the Deputy Premier should stand up and talk about her ambitions.