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**MOTION**

**Palaszczuk Labor Government, Jobs**

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (6.22 pm): The Premier said, 'My government will govern with humility, dignity and not arrogance.' That performance from the Deputy Premier was anything but humble; it was all arrogance. I take the interjection from the Premier earlier. The Premier said earlier that her policy is jobs, jobs, jobs. That is what the Premier said—jobs, jobs, jobs. Then she took an interjection from the Minister for Employment. How many jobs have been created under their jobs policy? Twenty-six jobs! 'My government is jobs, jobs, jobs.' Then with great excitement she took the interjection from the employment minister of 26 jobs. This is a \$100 million jobs package. That means for every 26 employees created in the state of Queensland it cost the taxpayers \$3.5 million each. It cost \$3.5 million to create 26 jobs in the state of Queensland. Let us not mention Jobs Queensland. Let us not mention the additional 8,000 public servants working in Jobs Queensland who I do not think provide front-line services, considering there is no board even appointed.

**Mr Mander** interjected.

**Mr BLEIJIE:** I take the interjection from the honourable member for Everton. There are more people at a football game on a football field than jobs created under the Palaszczuk government. There are more people playing in my son's soccer match on Kawana football field than there are jobs created under Anastacia Palaszczuk's government.

This is a government that should be ashamed of its record—13.9 per cent youth unemployment. The Premier just said that they have an apprenticeship policy. Apprenticeships are on their way down in the state of Queensland. Apprenticeship completions are on their way down. Apprentice take-up rates are on their way down. Traineeships are on their way down. School based traineeships are on their way down. Whether you look at the completion rate or the take-up rate, everything is on the way down, down, down. Jobs are not being created.

The Deputy Premier says that we have an infrastructure revolution in the state of Queensland. The only thing I have seen the Deputy Premier don a hard hat for is the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing, which was an LNP project and 1 William Street, which was a project started under the LNP. They opposed 1 William Street but they are going to move into it in a couple of months time. They took the media on an exclusive tour of it the other day. Then there is the Bruce Highway. They are cutting ribbons on the Bruce Highway. That was an LNP project. The only thing they can legitimately claim as their own is the Cross River Rail project, which does not have trains. They have tracks but they do not have trains. I am a fan of Thomas the Tank Engine and even the Thomas the Tank Engine movie has trains in it. This government is asleep at the wheel. This government does not have a clue.

I attended a business lunch today and the business community told me that what they know about this government is that the Premier does not know what she is doing. The business community knows that, if they want to talk and deal with the government, they do not go to the Premier; they go to the member for South Brisbane. They go to the Deputy Premier's office.

**Mr Mander:** They still get nothing there.

**Mr BLEIJIE:** I take the interjection. They do not get anything out of the Deputy Premier, but they know that is where the power of this government lies. It is not in the Premier's office; it is in the Deputy Premier's office. The Deputy Premier said earlier that she was talking to the LNP backbench. No, she was auditioning to the Labor Party backbench. The Premier put herself on the speaking list today. Trot the Premier out. It is not often the Premier speaks on these motions, but jobs, jobs, jobs—26 jobs in the state of Queensland at a cost of \$3.5 million per job. What an achievement! Twenty-six jobs in the state of Queensland have been created. This government should hang its head in shame. They are not creating jobs. They are not creating infrastructure. They are all talk and no action. I am an Elvis fan—an impersonator at one stage in my life—and there was a song which went, 'A little less conversation, a little more action please'. That is what we need in the state of Queensland. Only the LNP will provide the action that Queensland needs. Only the LNP under Tim Nicholls will create the opportunities the business community needs to get Queensland going again.