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**APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL; APPROPRIATION BILL; DUTIES AND
OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (12.05 pm): I rise to support the appropriation bills before the House and I wish to highlight for the House some of the investments in the Logan electorate. Before I do that, I would like to reflect and make some commentary on the speech of the Leader of the Opposition. Yesterday, with flourish and pomp, as is his wont, the Leader of the Opposition quoted Charles Maurice de Talleyrand, the 18th century French aristocrat. I too have a quote from Talleyrand, who was known as the prince de Benevent. Talleyrand said, 'Not all quotes attributed to me on the internet are actually mine'. Of course, he did not really say that; but then again, he did not say the quote that the prince of Clayfield attributed to him yesterday morning. The member for Clayfield's quote is one of many that you will find on the internet that those who seek affectation attribute to someone of historical note. The quote he used was—

They have learned nothing, and forgotten nothing.

That was the misattributed quote from yesterday morning.

I will not say that the member for Clayfield has learnt nothing from his time as treasurer in the Newman-Nicholls government, but he has certainly not learnt any of the lessons of selling off our state's income-producing assets. In his speech yesterday, once again he tried to set the groundwork for selling off assets. That is clearly his plan, his philosophy and his values. He was the driving force of the sell-offs in the Newman-Nicholls government. The member for Clayfield has learnt nothing from the 2015 election and it is clear that he may have to once again learn the lesson at a future election.

The reply speech showed that the member for Clayfield can talk up a problem, even invent a problem, but he does not have as much capacity for the hard work of finding solutions. His is a feet-up style of taking the easy options—that is, sell off Queensland's assets rather than listen to Queenslanders and get down to the hard work of solutions. The LNP backbench know that this feet-up style will not work. The member for Clayfield's friend Talleyrand is also reported to have said, 'Never speak ill of yourself; you can count on your friends for that'. I am sure that that is true of the friends of the member for Clayfield, as only 14 actually voted for him. After that lacklustre speech, his friends will not be speaking well of him. We know so graphically what the member for Surfers Paradise thinks of the budget reply speech.

This government is investing \$35 million in the Mount Lindesay Highway, including upgrading the Camp Cable Road intersection and the Beaudesert Road bypass. A further \$40 million will be allocated for four-laning a section of Waterford-Tamborine Road near Logan Village. This investment of \$35 million in the Mount Lindesay Highway, made in just two budgets of the Palaszczuk government, will make journeys safer and quicker, and it is significant. In fact, it is seven times the investment that the Treasurer and now opposition leader made over three years of the Newman-Nicholls government. However, with developments in Park Ridge, Flagstone and Yarrabilba, nearby locals will be looking for

more investment and I agree. Investing seven times as much as the LNP hides the criminal underinvestment that the member for Clayfield made into that road. I will continue to fight for more funding. As we speak, we have roadworks on the highway and, even before the grader engines cool, I will be pushing for more to improve the road. I also note that the Logan City Council's Let's Get Moving campaign makes it one of their priorities, so I will be working strongly with them.

I have fought very hard to try to make up for the cuts in services and the increased costs that the LNP delivered for the people of Logan over its three years in government. The member for Indooroopilly and then transport minister cut services, and the member for Clayfield and then treasurer increased bus fares. That terrible duo hated Logan bus users, yet the economic results were a disaster. The net effect was less bus users, less bus services and no overall saving for the government. Logan bus users know not to go back to that terrible team.

I am proud that this government knows we need more users of our public transport. That was why I was pleased when—and, humbly, I would like to think that I had a bit to do with lobbying on behalf of locals—the Minister for Transport and the Premier announced the Fairer Fares package. Every bus fare in Logan will be cheaper and fairer. I will highlight one fare. The cost of a one-way trip between Grand Plaza in Browns Plains and the Brisbane CBD will be reduced by over \$2 each trip. There will be funding for a new bus stop on Camp Cable Road. I will continue to work with the minister to improve local bus services, especially through innovative options.

For Logan this could really be called the education budget as we will see new classrooms at the Logan Village State School and funding towards a future Yarrabilba State School, both of which the education minister mentioned yesterday morning in question time. There will also be new classrooms at Crestmead State School, which I share with the member for Woodridge. There will be a refurbishment of the Flagstone State School library and outdoor learning centre that I know will be much appreciated in the growing area of Flagstone.

I know that schools in our area are doing great things with passionate teachers and eager students. Of course there are some students who need a little bit more guidance, as the member for Townsville, a former principal, would know. I was especially impressed by the young students at Browns Plains State School who are taking classes to learn coding and robotics. They are living out the Palaszczuk government's push towards jobs of the future.

There is also funding for refurbishment of D block at Browns Plains State High School and for the B and C modulars at Browns Plains State School, which I am sure the coding kids will appreciate. There will also be a refurbishment of prep and outdoor learning areas at the Park Ridge State School.

In health, my neighbour MP, the member for Woodridge and Minister for Health, knows only too well that the growing community appreciates improved health services. There is funding for improvements to car parking at the Logan Hospital, which is vital because it is often under strain. That builds on the improvements we have made to the Logan Hospital emergency department in the last year.

Our local sports groups are growing. They are attracting new athletes. There is funding for their already successful bids for the track enhancements at Centenary Plains BMX and the lighting upgrade at the Logan Village Falcons. They are two of the fantastic clubs in my local area. I would also like to mention the Park Ridge Pirates. I know we need to work together because they are located at Park Ridge State High School and desperately need better facilities. I will be working hard for them this year.

There is also support for the disabled in Logan Village with supported accommodation through the House with No Steps. The Logan region, as defined by Treasury, is expected to grow by over 200,000 people by 2036. Much of it will be in or nearby the electorate of Logan. We feel the pressures of growth, but we also know that we want to accommodate the new young families of South-East Queensland and give them a chance at house ownership in a growing community.

I will continue to work with the community and with the ministers of the Palaszczuk government to fight for better services for Logan. I commend the Appropriation Bill to the House.