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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply) (10.27 am): What an extraordinary performance from the member for Surfers Paradise! Three years and a record majority, and what did they do for the Gold Coast—absolutely nothing. They did not do a thing for the Gold Coast. Now they want more expensive ticket prices for the Commonwealth Games so Gold Coast residents cannot go. It is a disgrace.

The Palaszczuk government has created more than 40,000 jobs already. Contrast that with the record of the member for Clayfield, who gave us the highest unemployment rate in 11 years, at 7.1 per cent. Under the Palaszczuk government it is down to 6.1 per cent, and we have a solid growth outlook of 3.8 per cent going out to 2019. We have four times the growth rate under the Palaszczuk government compared to the economic basket case the LNP gave us for three years. Their economic record will be the albatross around the opposition leader's neck at the next election, I can assure the House. While they torched confidence and jobs plunged, all they did was build their tower of power. They were their economic priorities. Let us remember their economic priorities.

Why are jobs looking better and better under the Palaszczuk government? Because we are creating new industries such as the large-scale renewables industry started under the Palaszczuk government. We are expanding the biofuels industry—something they had three years to do and a record majority, and they did absolutely nothing. We are also doing road projects right across this state in contrast to the \$600 million worth of cuts across the state under the previous LNP government.

I will give the House some examples of things that should have done before. 'Bitumen Bruce' in Maryborough has so many road projects going on that it is difficult to get around his area. Projects include the Urraween Road and Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road intersection and the Tinana interchange. There is the Rocky beef roads in 'Beef Road Bill's' area. We have the Dawson Highway timber bridges in 'Bridge-building Butcher's' area. We have the Mackay ring-road coming in—a joint project in 'Get Things Done Gilbert's' area.

In Townsville we have the Townsville Ring Road, the Hervey Range Road and Riverway Drive, which are creating 300 jobs, 19 jobs and 60 jobs respectively. We also have the Eton Range realignment on the Peak Downs Highway. I also mention the western roads package, which is supporting communities in drought. Those opposite did nothing for three years in their own constituencies. Shame on them. We have the Warrego Highway upgrade and the TIDS upgrade, which we have brought forward to get jobs going. In South-East Queensland we have the Ipswich Motorway, the Gateway upgrade north, the Toowoomba second range crossing, the Bruce Highway and exit 54. Those opposite did nothing for three years. For the Commonwealth Games, we have \$160 million of roads on the Gold Coast. Again, they did nothing for three years. I also mention the berth 4 upgrade at the Townsville port. We are delivering jobs against their shameful record of job cuts.