




Speech By
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 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games) (6.01 pm): I rise to oppose the motion moved by the member for Indooroopilly. This motion comes at the end of a sitting week—the last sitting week before the state budget—and it comes one day short of the first three weeks of the new Nicholls regime of the LNP. I can report after three weeks that the new-look LNP team is a veritable brains trust. The LNP is now led by a team that cannot get a motion right in this House.

The motion, as drafted, compels the government to release a report from the LNP's time in government that is already publicly available. As we have heard from my colleagues the Treasurer and the member for Stretton, it is on the QSuper website. I suggest that they look it up right now and get hold of it. The motion is so sloppy and so shambolically drafted that it orders the government to release a wide range of documents that could date back 30 years and could include some private and commercially sensitive information. Next they will want us to release the Panama papers, such is their political genius.

I welcome the opportunity, however, to speak about the defined benefit scheme. The scheme was established by Labor. It grew under Labor and was maintained by Labor. The strength of the defined benefit scheme is a direct consequence of the prudent, economic and fiscal responsibility of decades of Labor governments. The scheme is fully funded and maintains a funding surplus. The Treasurer has repeatedly stated that, if every single member of the scheme sought to claim against the scheme at 9 am tomorrow, every single person would receive their payment in full. We know the scheme is fully funded when it withstood the waves of the 14,000 sacked public servants who drew down on it after being sent to the wall under the Leader of the Opposition.

Tonight we have the LNP brains trust in full display. This is the brains trust that made buses illegal overnight; the brains trust that re-regulated the sugar industry by mistake; the brains trust that cannot ask a question without potentially misleading the House; the brains trust that clearly told mistruths to their own party room to get elected and is now deceiving the Queensland people about their secret plan to sell our assets. Maybe they could not fool all of them, because it was only 33 per cent who got behind the Leader of the Opposition.

The Leader of the Opposition needs to come into this House and apologise to the people of Queensland for his asset sale agenda. Is he going to do that? We are waiting. The clock is ticking. He said that it will come in due course. I am looking forward to finding out when due course is. Will the Leader of the Opposition come into this House and explain his new plans for asset sales that will happen in due course? I look forward to it transpiring as to what 'due course' means. Will the Leader of the Opposition release the documents he knows exist that show the full scope and breadth of his secret asset sales plan?

We know what Gavin King wrote, the poor man's Doris Kearns Goodwin. He wrote, 'Campbell Newman convinced his colleagues to abandon the full suite of asset sales proposed by the Commission of Audit and backed by Tim Nicholls.' The Leader of the Opposition wants to pretend that he is different; that he has changed; that there is a new team in charge of the LNP, but we all know when you lift the hood on the Leader of the Opposition you realise he is far more Newman than new man.

The government opposes this motion because we know that the defined benefit scheme is fully funded. We know that the work that will happen under the leadership of the Treasurer will ensure that we invest in the infrastructure we need to build Queensland in the future. That is why I call on the House to join the government in opposing this lightweight motion by a lightweight LNP. We oppose the lightweight Leader of the Opposition. We oppose his secret plan for asset sales.