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 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.47 am): Just looking across the chamber, there were more people interested in the audition by the member for Sandgate for the Treasurer's job than there were in the two statements issued by the member for Mulgrave. That is not altogether surprising, because at least the member for Sandgate is out there speaking to the business community. The member for Mulgrave had to send the Premier in to have an emergency meeting with business leaders last week, where she got an earful about their decision on Uber. The only thing we know about this government is that the one person no-one wants to speak to in relation to what is going on in this state is the member for Mulgrave.

What is happening in this state? Another day, another delay by a government that does not know what it wants to do. This is a government that cannot make a decision in relation to protecting and securing Queenslanders in their homes, Queenslanders when they go out to enjoy themselves with their families and Queenslanders undertaking their businesses. What we have here is a government that cannot make a decision. The LNP ran the bikies out of Queensland; Labor is bringing them back.

Government members interjected.

Mr NICHOLLS: Well may they laugh, because that is the only solution they have. They cannot make their laws any tougher. They have rolled out three ministers over three days to try to get the message out there that they are tough on crime, but Queenslanders know that they are notoriously soft on crime.

We know that we have the member for Pine Rivers and the member for Kallangur writing letters on behalf of the Rebel Mick Kosenko, asking why he cannot carry out his business, why we do not weaken the laws. They are making submissions to the Attorney-General. The Attorney-General cannot get her laws through and she timidly only says, 'We will have only seven years for a circumstance of aggravation.' It was the LNP that put in place the powers that made it 20 years and that started breaking the backs of the criminal gangs. It was the LNP that put in place the powers the police have to search, to detain and to interrogate. It was the LNP that put in place the powers that ran the bikies off the Gold Coast and made it safer for us all.

We are reading about turf wars coming back to the Gold Coast and to Brisbane. We know that there is only one turf war going on in Queensland, and that is the turf war in the Labor Party. We have the Hells Angels led by the member for South Brisbane and we have the Comancheros led by the member for Mulgrave. The big question is: who is the Rebel over there?

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