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 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.28 am): Since last we met in this place we have seen a remarkable return to form by a Labor government and none more so than the announcement last week in a feat of unparalleled hypocrisy by this Labor government when they announced a mass sale of assets here in Queensland. They can dress it up with any weasel words they want. They can dress it up with their spin doctors. They can try to put words into their own policy document that were not there. The Premier can try to deny that. When she was asked at a press conference, 'Does this include the sale of land?', she said, 'I tell Queenslanders I won't sell your assets.' They can try to deny what was recorded by the Deputy Premier when she sat here. They can try to deny the comments that the Premier made here, but Queenslanders know—

Mr Furner interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: I know the Leader of the Opposition has a loud voice, but the member for Ferny Grove also has a very loud voice. You are now warned under standing order 253A. If you persist I will take the appropriate action.

Mr NICHOLLS: My apologies, Mr Speaker. I did not see you rise. Queenslanders know that this Premier has deceived them and has been dishonest with them. She went to the last election promising one thing and now because of their failed fiscal plan, because they have no funds left after having raided the hollow logs, after having hit the superannuation funds, after ramping up the debt on the government owned corporations, they have no money left. What they have done now is to engage in a mass sale of assets—something they promised not to do, something on which the Premier stakes her reputation. They dusted off the old plans that were in the drawer. The only difference between this and the previous government's plans is that this time around it was not being driven by the Treasurer and it was not a plan by the Treasurer; it was a plot by the Deputy Premier.

This is the Deputy Premier exercising control over this government. She knows that the Treasurer does not have the wherewithal. The whole of this side of the House knows that the Treasurer does not know where to find the money, so they have now gone to the Deputy Premier to find out. I feel a return of the old 'mythbusters'. I see the old 'mythbusters' coming back again. We have no choice.

There is another return to form, and that return to form is in relation to government advertising. Government advertising standards are set by the government code of conduct. That code of conduct is clear on what can and cannot be done, and I table a copy of that code of conduct.

Tabled paper: Department of the Premier and Cabinet: Queensland Government Advertising Code of Conduct 2013 [\[1812\]](#).

What we have seen with the government's progress report tabled by the Premier in this place is a total of 31 breaches of that code of conduct where mention is made specifically of Labor and political promises in direct breach of the government's advertising standard. We know this Premier has form. Last time around in government she was forced to repay money. This is a government returning to form.

Tabled paper: Queensland Government: Progress report on government election commitments, June 2016 [\[1813\]](#).
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