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 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.29 am): What have we learnt this week from the display and the performance of those opposite? What we have learnt is that there is no difference between this Premier and her Labor predecessors Anna Bligh and Andrew Fraser—the man whom Queenslanders came to know as Australia's worst treasurer. They went to the 2009 state election promising not to sell assets. It did not matter what they were saying. It did not matter whether they were viable assets, essential assets, weed covered assets, undeclared assets, or part of a market-led asset disposal scheme. They said they would not sell assets, and what did they do? They sold assets. Once ensconced in power, they went about increasing taxes, fees and charges and turning Queensland into a basket case—the least ranked state in Australia according to CommSec—as they went through. They took Queenslanders for fools. They thought they could say one thing and went and did another.

This desperate Premier and the man Queenslanders have come to know as 'Captain Risky'—the raider of superannuation funds, the stealer of long service leave, the stopper of making contributions—are now back following exactly the same path. We have a sagging economy, and we have seen today just how bad it is. There is Queensland right down at the very bottom of the list—four months of it.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Do you want to table it, Leader of the Opposition?

Mr NICHOLLS: It has been tabled, Mr Speaker. We have had four quarters of gradual decline, the worst in Australia, and yet this Treasurer—

Mr HINCHLIFFE: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. There may be another document which another member has tabled, but that particular document to which the member is referring has not been tabled. If he is going to parade it and refer to it, it would be appropriate for him to table the document.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! I call the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr NICHOLLS: I am happy to table it, Mr Speaker. There will be plenty more of them, I am sure.

Tabled paper: Document, undated, titled 'State Government performance index, December QTR 2016' [[1855](#)].

Our state, our assets, abandoned afterwards. Do you want me to table that, or have you not read it recently? We know that they had difficulty reading reports when we provided them in government. What we have here is a government that cravenly goes down the same path, and now we see them following the same path with their unrealistic, incredible pathways to solar energy which we all know will end up as the same diabolical disaster that Anna Bligh and Andrew Fraser left Queenslanders with

with their Solar Bonus Scheme, which sees Queenslanders paying \$3 billion more. They are going down the same path, they are making the same bad decisions, they have almost the same ministers in that cabinet who sat around that same table and who made those same decisions. There is no credible economic plan from this government. It is exactly the same as the Blich-Fraser government.

(Time expired)