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 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (9.53 pm): Another day, another disaster for this asleep-at-the-wheel Palaszczuk Labor government—a government that is descending—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr Saunders: Sit down, you idiot.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Maryborough, will you withdraw that interjection?

Mr SAUNDERS: I withdraw.

Mr NICHOLLS: That was an interjection showing the level of application by the Palaszczuk Labor government here. Rather than dealing with the facts of the matter, rather than dealing with the issue, what we are seeing here is a government that is descending into chaos, crisis and catastrophe, led by a Premier who does not have the power to control her own cabinet, a Premier who cannot muster the strength to sack ministers who are incompetent or hopeless. First, it was the member for Cook—resigned. Then it was the member for Bundamba—resigned. Then it was the member for Cairns—resigned. Now the former agriculture minister, the member for Bundaberg—resigned. Were they sacked? Were they disciplined? Was the proper standard of integrity and accountability applied by the Premier? The answer is a resounding no.

This is a Premier who does not have the bottle for the job. This is a Premier who does not have the integrity for the job. This is a Premier who does not have a cabinet or a party room fit for the job. The only minister to have escaped so far is the one who should have been sacked and that is the member for Sandgate, the failed transport minister. He is a minister so incompetent that he could not, as leader of government business, muster the numbers to keep a quorum in this House. No wonder he cannot run a railway network. You would not give him a Thomas the Tank Engine train set to run. He would not know how to wind it up. The one that Premier Palaszczuk lacks the integrity and the guts to sack is the AWU factional mate, Stirling Hinchliffe, the member for Sandgate.

Why is it that the member for Bundaberg got one chance and the member for Sandgate has had 100 chances? Why is it that he can only learn about the failures of his department by Twitter but he cannot announce in this parliament today a further 113 rail services being cancelled? Why is it that, by all standards of Westminster accountability, by all standards of integrity, this minister refuses to fall on his sword and this Premier fails the test of leadership by failing to sack someone who should so obviously go? This is now the test for Anastacia Palaszczuk. Does she have the integrity to put Queenslanders first or does she put her own political survival first? This is a government that is held to ransom by the unions putting Queenslanders last.