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 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.30 am): What have we learned since last Thursday when the agriculture minister resigned? We see the writing on the wall. We see yet more signs of a government caving in to infighting amongst themselves, a government that does not know what it is it wants to deliver. Queenslanders are paying the price for this Premier's indecision and this government's factional warfare. We have a Premier who is focusing on her faction allies and not focusing on the people of Queensland. She is so utterly compromised that she is unable to take decisive action or enforce any authority. We have a government so bereft of talent that five days after the resignation of the member for Bundaberg the Premier still cannot come up with a replacement.

We see today, like a sailor drowning, this government clasp[ing] at the plank of the Deloitte Access Economics report—the last thing they have as a drowning crew is to grasp that plank. What we really have is the crew of the *SS Minnow* on *Gilligan's Island*, a comedy of survivors doomed never to be rescued by anyone, falling to infighting amongst themselves. One might well ask who is the captain and who is Gilligan. Who is taking the responsibility? We do not know and Queenslanders do not know. Is the captain the member for Inala or is the captain the member for South Brisbane? Is Gilligan the Treasurer or is it the transport minister? Who is the Professor? Who is Ginger and Mary Ann? I think we know who Thurston Howell III is when we look at the member for Woodridge, but he still has not told us who Lovey is yet. We are still waiting. Today we had the comedy of the third agriculture minister in 18 months, the recycled member for Rockhampton.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order, members! Government ministers, order!

Mr NICHOLLS: In this serious portfolio that is a major contributor to the economy of this state we are still waiting for this Premier to sort out her factions so she can appoint a minister. We had the Minister for Police take over his old role and pretend to be across his portfolio when all he did was read out the April 2016 AgForce trends. This is not a government across the job; this is a government that is failing to deliver for Queenslanders and Queenslanders are paying the price.