



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR HINCHINBROOK**

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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

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 **Mr CRIPPS** (Hinchinbrook—LNP) (2.49 pm): This morning I was warned three times by the Speaker of the House before the end of question time under standing order 253 and standing order 253A. The Speaker is perfectly entitled to warn me under the standing orders because I was interjecting on the member on their feet. All three times it was a minister who was on their feet and under the standing orders that is disorderly unless the member on their feet is taking that interjection. I was continuously interjecting to purposely try and interrupt the minister who was on their feet for a sound reason in my view: because I am elected to this Assembly not to be a wallflower or a shrinking violet. I am here to make sure that the executive of the government is scrutinised and—

**Ms FARMER:** I rise to a point of order. Mr Deputy Speaker, I seek your ruling on whether the member for Hinchinbrook is reflecting on the chair.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Crawford): Thank you, member for Bulimba. Member for Hinchinbrook, you may continue but, as the member for Bulimba has said, just be careful not to reflect on the chair. I am happy that you have not so far, so please continue.

**Mr CRIPPS:** Exactly. I have already recognised that the Speaker was perfectly entitled to warn me under those standing orders and I made that statement quite clear, if the member for Bulimba were listening.

I am entitled to hold this executive to account because at the caucus meeting earlier this week they obviously gave all of the members of the caucus a new memo which said, 'Every time you get up, you have to say "cut, sack and sell"'. This is an old ruse that the members of the Labor caucus have been running in this House for the last 2½ years. I thought I had dealt with this issue last year when we considered the Electricity and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, because I went through the list of publicly owned assets that have been sold by the Labor Party in Queensland since 2006 and during the debate on that bill I listed them. Because this nonsense—this dishonest nonsense—is continuing from the members of the caucus who received the memo obviously on Monday at the caucus meeting, I am going to list them again.

The Energy Assets (Restructuring and Disposal) Bill 2006 facilitated the sale of Energex's electricity retail business, Ergon's electricity retail business, Energex's gas distribution business, Stanwell and Tarong's wind farms and Enertrade's merchant gas and gas transportation business. In 2008 we had the Airport Assets (Restructuring and Disposal) Act and those opposite sold the Cairns Airport, they sold the Mackay Airport and the Port of Brisbane Corporation's interest in the Brisbane Airport. Then there was the mother lode in 2009 when they had the Infrastructure Investment (Asset Restructuring and Disposal) Bill, where they sold Forestry Plantations Queensland and Queensland Motorways and the Port of Brisbane and Queensland Rail's above and below rail coal businesses and

Queensland Rail's commercial rail services such as bulk freight and retail and regional freight and they sold the port corporation of Queensland's Abbot Point coal terminal.

(Time expired)