



Speech By  
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**MOTION**

**Vehicle Registration**

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (5.34 pm): I move—

That this House calls on the Palaszczuk government to adopt the LNP's fair rego pledge in the 2017-18 budget.

We often hear those on the other side of this chamber wax lyrical about how they stand up for the Aussie battler, how they stand up for hardworking Queensland families, that they know better than anyone else what it is to suffer under cost-of-living rises.

**Mrs Frecklington:** Who, them?

**Mr POWELL:** I take the interjection from the Deputy Leader of the Opposition. Yes, the members of the Labor Party claim that they stand up for the Aussie battler when it comes to the cost of living. We all know that that is completely and utterly false. The cost of living continues to rise in the state of Queensland, whether it is electricity bills, water bills, insurance premiums—I appreciate the government's ability to influence many of them is limited. There are certain elements of cost-of-living increases where the government can intervene very simply, quickly and easily to save Queensland's hardworking families their precious dollars.

One bill that many of Queensland's hardworking families will be receiving in the mail shortly is their vehicle registration. It will look something like this one and will read, 'Hardworking families of Queensland your registration is overdue.' The reference is Labor's broken promise and the reason is that in 2015 we saw the first strike, 2016 the second strike and unless action is taken tonight and in the budget in a couple of weeks there will be a third strike in Labor's box.

Year on year on year there have been 3½ per cent increases. That is double the consumer price index rise. That is a slug to the back pocket of each and every taxpaying Queenslanders who has to operate a vehicle. What does 3½ per cent equate to? For a four cylinder car that equates to \$55.40 over the last two years. They will whack on another 3½ per cent after the budget this year. That is 3½ per cent year on year on year.

Those opposite claim to be the ones who care about the Aussie battler—hardworking Queensland families.

**Ms Davis:** It is all talk.

**Mr POWELL:** It is all talk. I take the interjection from the member for Aspley. The LNP quietly goes about delivering for these families. When in government what did we deliver? There were zero increases—not even CPI increases, but zero increases. We froze the registration of a family vehicle for the three years the LNP was in government.

If we could do it those opposite can do it. In fact, we are not even asking them to freeze it in this year's budget. We are simply asking them to be fair and to peg those increases to CPI. If those opposite do not have the gumption to stand up to the Treasurer, who appears to be speaking in this debate

tonight, and say, 'Please, Treasurer, we cannot do this to the people of Queensland again. Please do not pass on that 3½ per cent increase,' then maybe those members opposite might want to assist us in petitioning the government and the Treasurer to drive down this unnecessary cost-of-living increase.

For the benefit of those opposite, let me give them a website they can go to to register their own angst and frustration at what their Treasurer and their cabinet is doing to each and every one of their constituents in this state who drives a vehicle. Go to [www.fairerrego.com.au](http://www.fairerrego.com.au) and tell this Treasurer, this cabinet, this Premier that enough is enough. These 3½ per cent increases year on year on year—

**Mrs Frecklington:** Shame.

**Mr POWELL:** I take that interjection. It is outrageous. It is a shame. They should know better. They say they know better. It is time to start putting their words into action.