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**Mr SAUNDERS** (Maryborough—ALP) (8.39 pm): After that drivel, I would like to thank yourself as chair, the members and the secretariat of the Education, Tourism, Innovation and Small Business Committee. You all did a wonderful job. After listening to the member for Indooroopilly, he should be a writer for Wikipedia because he changes history. What I love about the mob on the other side is that they sit there and purport to be experts on small business. They would not know how to run a small business! During the Newman-Nicholls era small business was on its knees. It was like in early France with the guillotines—everyone was waiting to get their necks lopped off. We have a small business minister who is very passionate and has visited my electorate and spoken to small business people. Where were the mob opposite after Cyclone Debbie? The small business minister was talking to small business people, giving out grants and getting them back on their feet. One thing I love about the LNP, and I have been around politics for a long time, is that they are all wafflers. They can talk the talk, but not one of them can walk the walk, especially the member for Indooroopilly. He is a disgrace. We are never going to let those opposite forget what he has given us.

The Education, Tourism, Innovation and Small Business Committee is a wonderful committee. Education is the cornerstone of improving people's lives. We need education. I had the privilege of addressing delegates from the QTU at their regional conference. It was great to talk to educators who were so happy with the Palaszczuk government, the education minister and what is going on. I know from my own electorate what is happening with education. The mob opposite cut education to the bone. They talk the talk, but they cannot walk the walk. The whole lot of them are frauds. They are a disgrace to this state. They should never, ever be in this place. We will make sure that they will never get re-elected.

This is the biggest budget ever for education. What did those opposite do? They cut teachers and teacher aide hours. All they know is cut, cut and cut. 'Sell, sack. Sell, sack' is their mantra. I keep telling everyone that you get what you wish for. Anyone who wishes for an LNP government in this state has rocks in their head because leopards do not change their spots. Those opposite will never, ever change. We have two great ministers—our small business minister and our education minister—and they care about Queenslanders.

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr SAUNDERS:** Listen to those opposite! When we talk about education they laugh. That is the disgust they show educators who are trying to improve the lives of Queenslanders by giving kids a better job in society. They sit here and laugh. Shame on them.

**Ms Pease** interjected.

**Mr SAUNDERS:** I agree with the member for Lytton that it is a disgusting attitude. It is an absolutely terrible attitude. There are wonderful things that have happened in my electorate thanks to education. There is a \$4.5 million hall to be built at Maryborough High. That has given the principal a

chance to work with USC. The principal will have a great education facility in the great city of Maryborough. That is all due to the Palaszczuk Labor government. Those opposite talk about regional Queensland. Maybe they should pick the phone up and talk to the people I talk to in regional Queensland because they dislike that mob over there. They cannot stand them.

**Mr Madden:** They hate them!

**Mr SAUNDERS:** They absolutely hate them. I will take that interjection from the member for Ipswich West. They hate them. They cannot stand them. The Palaszczuk Labor government has spent more on regional Queensland than this mob ever has. This government is a great government for regional Queensland and a great government for Queensland. I am so proud to be part of it.