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**APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL (NO. 2); APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2)**

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (5.28 pm): I rise to make a contribution to the supplementary appropriation bills. I will not go over the justifications for, and the merits of, these bills. That has been traversed by other speakers tonight. I start by saying that the very reason these supplementary appropriation bills are being considered so shortly after the end of the financial year is as a result of financial accountability measures introduced by the LNP in the last term of government.

It was the last Labor government under former treasurer Andrew Fraser that used to only introduce the supplementary appropriation bills with the next year's budget appropriation bills. It was the last LNP government that introduced this particular measure. What the previous situation meant was that the true position of the Queensland budget was always concealed and hidden. It was never clearly articulated for the Queensland people. It was always manipulated to suit the political purposes of those opposite.

When I say concealed, it was just like the concealed intention of Labor's last treasurer, Andrew Fraser, when he stared down the barrel of a camera before the 2009 election and said that there would be no asset sales. We all know that that particular concealment was revealed after the election with the sale of various assets such as Forestry Plantations, Queensland Motorways and the Port of Brisbane. The list was a long one. That Labor concealment always stands in stark contrast to the accountability and transparency that the LNP brings to the economic debate of the day.

I turn briefly to the unforeseen expenditure in this particular supplementary Appropriation Bill of \$2.3 billion. This really is a return to the days of Labor treasurer Andrew Fraser where it was guesswork, concealment and a litany of mismanagement of Queensland's budget. To see that, we only need to look at a couple of the figures in the supplementary appropriations—over \$1 billion in 2009-10, over \$9 billion in 2010-11 and over \$2.8 billion in 2011-12.

When we look at the supplementary appropriations brought before the House tonight, we see a little over \$1 billion attributable to general government debt. It is a worthwhile goal and a worthwhile cause to pay down our debt. At the same time, we know that Labor has done nothing in this term of government except run up debt. We have this runaway train of debt—mismanaged debt. The only way they can manage that is through sleights of hand and trickery.

There was one word that the Treasurer was particularly sensitive about tonight—and the shadow Treasurer attempted to bring that to light—and that was the word 'raid'. He raised a number of objections to the shadow Treasurer's contribution tonight. We have now found the document, which I will shortly table, from the Treasurer's chief of staff which stated, 'I will forward a copy of this report. Obvious questions will be raised re raiding the scheme.'

**Mr Watts:** He sent that to the Premier as well.

**Mr JANETZKI:** I will take that interjection from the member for Toowoomba North. This chief of staff said in the email, 'I will also forward this to the Premier's office.' The Premier was also aware of the Treasurer's raid of the superannuation entitlements of the hardworking men and women of Queensland.

**Mr Emerson:** But Fonzie could not say that word tonight.

**Mr JANETZKI:** I will take that interjection from the shadow Treasurer. Fonzie could not say that tonight. I was trying to work out who Fonzie was. I remember my parents talking about Fonzie. He was from *Happy Days*.

We have a Treasurer who is unable to acknowledge in the House tonight that it was a raid on hardworking Queenslanders' superannuation entitlements. I table that document for the benefit of the House.

*Tabled paper:* Email, dated 29 April 2017, from Mr Jason Humphreys to the Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment, Hon. Curtis Pitt, regarding State Actuary's Report on the Defined Benefit Scheme [\[2034\]](#).

While those opposite spend their way through Queensland's resources, what they do in Toowoomba and the Darling Downs—and it is good that I am sitting beside the member for Toowoomba North—is cut. We have seen over \$400 million cut out of the infrastructure spend in this term of government in Toowoomba and the Darling Downs. In this year's budget we saw a drop in road spending. It is the most vital artery to get the wealth of Western and Southern Queensland to port. We saw a cut in road spending in this year's budget by the Treasurer from \$564 million to \$430 million. That is a cut of over a quarter. This is at a time when we are trying to bring together the nexus of rail and the second range crossing.

What we now see is a Labor government that is so Brisbane-centric, so focused on Cross River Rail, that they have cut adrift the regions. They have cut adrift Toowoomba and the Darling Downs. There is only one way to get infrastructure growth and investment into our nation-building capacity and get our wealth to port and that is to elect an LNP government.