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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (2.50 pm): If you cannot handle the sports portfolio there is not much hope for you in government. If you cannot manage a sports field there is not much hope for you in government. Today there is an article in the *Courier-Mail* with the headline 'Militant unions win out'. I table a copy of that article.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Courier-Mail*, dated 22 March 2017, titled 'Militant Unions Win Out' [475].

Did the Minister for Industrial Relations seriously think that she could secretly rescind the Queensland guidelines to stop union corruption in Queensland without anyone noticing? Did she think she could abolish the Building Construction Compliance Branch in Queensland without anyone noticing? I table a copy of the guidelines.

Tabled paper: Department of Justice and Attorney-General: Implementation Guidelines to the Queensland Code of Practice for the Building and Construction Industry—Delivering value for money to Queensland taxpayers, July 2013 [476].

The minister says in the *Courier-Mail* today, 'We have abolished that. I have rescinded that secretly because we now have the ABCC set up'—an organisation that they abolished at the federal level—'and now we are relying on the ABCC to look after union corruption in Queensland.' It does not make any sense. But it does make sense, because union organiser Mr Andrew Watson has just joined the Labor Party. I table this.

Tabled paper: Extract, dated 18 October 2016, from Andrew Watson's Facebook page, showing his screenshot featuring Australian Labor Party membership card [477].

He has put on his Facebook site a copy of his Labor Party Queensland Branch membership card and he says—

Finally got my card , maybe might be a candidate for local preselection.

Then he says—

Maybe I could get Grocon to help out with some \$\$\$...

Is he extorting Grocon, a private organisation? If we look at the union disclosures recently under their legislation on the ECQ website, look at the CFMEU: \$10,000, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$3,000 and the donor electorate is Brisbane Central. I table that.

Tabled paper: Extract, undated, from the Electoral Commission of Queensland website showing CFMEU donations to Australian Labor Party [478].

Is it any wonder we are getting all of this CFMEU stuff through the parliament because of the relationship that exists? The CFMEU illegally walked off construction sites a few weeks ago and went to a strip club and started fights in the Valley. Is this the type of people they represent? Of course it is, because I table another copy of a photo of Mr Andrew Watson. Look at this flattering photo of him with his fingers up at the camera. Of course, let us not forget Mr Dave Hanna and the Premier; here is a good old selfie! I table that.

Tabled paper: Two photographs of CFMEU members and the Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk [479].

The jig is up for the Premier. The Premier would have Queenslanders believe that she is a nice person, a motherly figure for Queensland, smiling for the cameras and not seeing anything, not doing anything or hearing anything—that is the front of this Premier. But when she walks through that door and leaves this House we know that she represents the thuggish behaviour of the union movement in Queensland, the CFMEU—that is the front of the Premier! The jig is up, Premier. They should disassociate themselves from criminal CFMEU officials.