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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (10.16 am): It is good to be back, but I cannot help but reflect on some of the changes we have seen since we last gathered in this place. Notably, Mr Speaker, I refer to your announcement this morning of the addition of four chickens to the parliamentary precinct. However, I have to say that nothing will beat four chickens other than the lame duck we have sitting in the back corner. We have had a few lame ducks in this parliamentary precinct for some time, but we look forward to the calming effect that the lame duck will have in joining the chickens on the precinct. I am surprised the member for Yeerongpilly was not placed next to the member for Pumicestone. After all, they have certainly got the same level of ability and talent and the same approach to ethics! They would have made a perfect pair sitting at the back. Perhaps I am being unfair to the member for Pumicestone. The member for Pumicestone has been accused of a lot of things in this place such as swearing at elderly constituents and being a dodgy tow truck operator, but at least he has never been accused of potentially corrupt conduct by the CCC.

What a distraction for this government. What an embarrassment to this accidental Premier. The questions of her leadership are swirling around: a Premier who has now lost four ministers, a Premier who buried her head in the sand at this sordid affair for so long and only acted when the stench became so strong that she had no other choice but to act. It is obvious that those opposite still do not understand the seriousness of the situation. As I have said in this place before, the Premier's leadership is really by the puppetmaster sitting to her right—'I see nothing, I do nothing, I hear nothing'. I know the puppetmaster is the Deputy Premier. The health minister thinks he is the puppetmaster: he gets up in the morning, looks in the mirror and says, 'Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?', and the mirror replies, 'Not you, Minister for Health. Certainly not you.' It is the Deputy Premier. We know that.

We have talked in this place before about the Premier's office and the guide to using the Premier, because we know she does not like to get out in public when there is controversy. In such a short period of time we have had to update the 'Labor Guide to Using the Premier'. I have had to add a few, but of course last time we had—

Is the media event in South East Queensland?

Is there any ... controversy around (think adverse CCC findings)?

Does it involve email scandals, trains, child safety, housing or law and order or the actions of the member for Yeerongpilly?

Do any of the ... names appear in the paper today, Miller, Williams, Fentiman, Gordon, Byrne, Saunders—

we had to add Saunders to that; we have added Bruce Sanders—

or Bailey?

Is it just rebranded LNP policy?

Does it require the Premier to speak?

Does it require the Premier to explain a policy?

Is there a chance—

the Premier will not know what she is talking about. It continues—

Is there a chance it could lead to questions over her leadership?

Has the Premier sneezed this morning?

Achoo!

If yes please immediately phone the CFMEU and seek approval for a sickie.

That is what this Premier does. She hides from the media. Then after Mark Bailey resigns, she turns up in the media and says, 'Oh, that was yesterday's news. There's nothing to see here. There's no issue. There's a line in the sand.' Today, the paper says that the Premier is going to be a fluoro vest—

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