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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

**ID Scanners**

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (10.15 am): The Attorney-General, who is responsible for liquor licensing, has a reputation for bumbles, cover-ups and stuff-ups, and, I might say, not only in this parliament—as the member for Ferny Grove knows all too well from the federal parliament. Hasn't the Attorney-General created a right royal mess of the ID scanners! This week the Attorney-General said, 'It's just teething problems.' I have three kids who have all had teething problems. The Attorney-General has put herself in one of those situations where you are standing out in the middle of an oval, you feel a big hole open and you just want the earth to swallow you up, because that is the week the Attorney-General has had with respect to this right royal mess. Yesterday she squawked that these are LNP laws. If they were LNP laws, where is the implementation panel? She abolished the implementation panel which was designed to sort out any implementation issues, but she arrogantly said that she knows best so she knew what to do.

Every day this week we have had a different story about what happened at Jade Buddha with Crown Prince Frederik. The police blame the OLGR; the OLGR blame the police. The minister said, 'Rules are rules. They apply to everybody.' Then the Police Commissioner denied that the Crown Prince was turned away and said that he was granted access. He said that he was 'whisked right through.' Strangely, the Attorney-General—who said that rules are rules and they apply to everyone—retweeted the tweet of the Police Commissioner. Despite saying the same day that 'rules are rules', she then retweeted the tweet and said that he had been 'whisked in' and there was no issue. Surely, he should have been asked for ID. Are you confused yet, colleagues? I certainly am.

Yesterday they released CCTV footage which shows that the Crown Prince was in fact turned away. The Police Commissioner came out yesterday afternoon at a press conference and said that the police did break the laws, but common sense should prevail. He apologised to Jade Buddha. Is the Police Commissioner saying that the police were right to whisk Crown Prince Frederik straight in, or is he saying that the police should have asked for ID? I am really confused as to what the government's strategy is with respect to ID scanners. Is there one rule for Queenslanders and another rule for everyone else? Is there one rule for the elite and one rule for everyone else who wants to go out?

Minister, the LNP did not implement this policy. This is on you, Minister. There was no public education campaign with respect to this. We had the State of Origin, and the OLGR said that the Caxton was denied approval for extended trading hours because the State of Origin is not culturally significant to Queensland. WTF? The State of Origin is not culturally significant to Queensland? The minister came out and said, 'No, that's not true,' but letters were released to show that it is true.

**Mr HINCHLIFFE:** I rise to a point of order. The member for Kawana might like to use abbreviations, but I do think his abbreviation is unparliamentary and I ask that he withdraw.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Member for Kawana, will you please withdraw those comments. They are unparliamentary.

**Mr BLEIJIE:** I withdraw.

**Mr SPEAKER:** I remind all members to please speak through the chair and not across the chamber.