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Mr KING (Kallangur—ALP) (12.11 pm): I will actually talk to the Auditor-General's report. I note that the member opposite had some things to say about reinvestment into our ports. The Auditor-General's report noted that, for the port entities, revenue increased by three per cent and that is primarily driven by the commodities imported and exported through them. The LNP did have a plan for ports. It was to sell off Gladstone and Townsville. This government does not sell ports. Their plan was to sell ports. We are investing in our ports. I reiterate that this government does not sell ports, but that is all that the previous government wanted to do.

Mr COSTIGAN: Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The honourable member is talking about this government not selling ports.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Farmer): Order! Do you have a point of order, member for Whitsunday?

Mr COSTIGAN: I think the member is misleading the House.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: If you feel so, you can write to the Speaker.

Mr COSTIGAN: I will.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Lockyer, did you have a point of order?

Mr RICKUSS: My point of order was that the member is misleading the House. The Labor government sold the Brisbane port.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: If you feel that is the case, you can write to the Speaker.

Mr KING: I reiterate that the Palaszczuk government does not sell ports; all the previous government wanted to do was to sell our ports. We are investing in our ports by keeping our government owned corporations in public hands so that they can continue to work for the public. Queensland government owned ports provide—

Honourable members interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! It would be almost impossible for Hansard to hear the member for Kallangur. Would everyone please allow the member for Kallangur to speak.

Mr KING: Thank you for your protection, Madam Deputy Speaker. I appreciate it. Queensland government owned ports provide a central role in the facilitation of trade, which creates jobs, mostly in our regions, and investment in the Queensland economy. I will not say too much more, except that we are investing. I notice that the member opposite said that some money would be well spent on the port of Mackay. The North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation will spend \$7 million on wharfs 4 and 5 fender upgrades at the port of Mackay and a further \$2.9 million to complete the Port of Abbot Point module offloading facility. We are investing in our ports and we are keeping them in government hands.