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 **Mr MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (5.08 pm): Oh, to be a fly on the wall at the Peel Street politburo just across the river with Mr 'Preference Deal or No Deal', Evan Moorhead. Surely he is sick and tired of hearing Elvis's lyrics on the radio 'A little less conversation, a little more action' which reminds him of his current class of review comrades on that side of the chamber.

In just two years, this do-nothing Palaszczuk Labor government has outsourced government through 150 inquiries, reviews, committees, task forces and bureaucracies. The democratic socialists have not got a thought bubble to share between them, so they review, not do. The people of Queensland are rightly asking, 'What is this government doing?' All week, the democratic socialist tyros opposite have been rattling off their achievements, and it is a pretty bare bones list. Incredibly, they are focusing more on what they are not doing.

When we look at the long, long list of reviews, it is clear they are clueless about crafting policy of their own and are content to rebadge LNP policies. Moreover and worse, instead of keeping sensible legislation, they are repealing some of them and as a consequence we are going nowhere. Let us have a look at some of Labor's priorities as outlined in the long list of reviews. What review do you get when 'Mr Renewables and Sensible Walks', the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply, crosses the road? A review into the cassowary crossing at Mission Beach. With unemployment over 11 per cent in North Queensland, clearly this is a hold-the-phone, top priority.

Then there is the category I call the union appeasement reviews, task forces and gulags. This one is a long one and, unfortunately, I only have a few minutes. This one is brought to you by the Minister for Housing and Public Works, who as we all know bends over backwards to assist fellow parliamentary colleagues. Just ask the member for Cairns how helpful he is. This surrogate member for the Gold Coast—because there is not much surf around Springwood and there are no democratic socialist members on the Gold Coast—has established: a plumbing industry regulatory body, with a special note of thanks to the Plumbers Union; a reference group to review industrial relations laws, a Queensland Council of Unions special just to keep that preselection in check; and a review into labour hire operators, just to keep the CFMEU bovver boys happy and to establish an independent training ombudsman.

There is the suite of reviews to pay homage to the ETU, who have just left, for the member for Kallangur, that colossus of the union movement—just ask him. What was in his basket of review goodies? It included: establish a Queensland Electrical Safety Office; establish the electrical safety commissioner to advise on electrical safety matters—genius; establish the Electrical Safety Education Committee; and, closely followed by, establish the Electrical Equipment Committee.

With the most left-leaning government in Queensland's history, we have the 'Ms 41 per cent Primary Vote', special Jackie 'Don't call me Lambie' reviews—from the grand mistress of all things Emily's List and Greens preferences, the member for South Brisbane. Ain't she special? Under her watch, we have seen: a review into religious instruction in schools; a review of sex education; a review into the Daisy Hill reserve; a review into the human rights bill; and a review into combat sports—like she of all people needs that.

Perhaps the most galling are the self-reflective reviews into the many failures of this inexperienced, do-nothing, Sergeant-Schultz-like, 'I know nothing' Palaszczuk Labor government. This included: the Strachan inquiry, when Labor could not hire enough drivers—absolute geniuses, we did not see that coming; a review into the Christmas Day rail fail, when they had a review already going on but, unbelievably, they had to do an extra one on top—next stop Doomben, via Wilston; an advisory council to develop the Queensland Family and Child Commission; and a working Queensland cabinet because of Queensland's jobs crisis. It is a scary thought to have this mob in charge of creating jobs when many simply park their shoes in between getting kicked out of here with cushy union jobs and would not have a clue about generating real jobs.