



Speech By  
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**MOTION**

**Palaszczuk Labor Government, Performance**

 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (4.58 pm): I move—

That this House condemns the Palaszczuk government's review-not-do approach to governing Queensland.

If we ever needed an example of that, we have it right now. Here we are just before five o'clock on Thursday and they have upped stumps. They barely got through to the dinner break on Tuesday night. They barely got after the dinner break on Wednesday night. Here we are moving everything forward, because guess what? They have nothing to do.

**Mrs Frecklington:** 'The Boss' is on.

**Mr NICHOLLS:** There might be a concert on, I imagine. I wonder if anyone has been scooting out to the Boondall entertainment centre to go and see Bruce Springsteen? What do members think? That might be the case.

**Government members** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Millar): Order! Members, allow the opposition leader to speak, please.

**Mr NICHOLLS:** Mr Deputy Speaker, I heard the newly promoted minister and member for Ferny Grove. All day all they have been able to talk about is Pauline Hanson. They have not been able to talk about policy. They have not been able to say anything else. All they can talk about is Pauline Hanson. I think when they go home they must have a picture of her on the back of their cupboard doors to which they say, 'Thank you, Pauline, because at least you're giving us something to talk about. We've got nothing else to do.'

This truly is a do-nothing government. We found out that it is a do-nothing government led by a know-nothing Premier. If we ever needed an example of that, we saw it this morning when asked the simplest of questions by the member for Hinchinbrook: please explain the nature and meaning of the sugar dispute. It is no wonder she went to see Bruce Springsteen! It was the safest place she could go. It is a do-nothing government led by a know-nothing Premier who cannot answer questions.

**Mr Bleijie:** Dancing in the dark!

**Mr NICHOLLS:** Dancing in the dark. She is on a downtown train to nowhere. There is something more important than the Premier going to see Bruce Springsteen or her not understanding the sugar dispute, and that is the fact that under this government unemployment is stuck at 6.3 per cent. What is more important is that almost 30,000 Queensland jobs were lost in the month of January—66,000 jobs lost so far this year, an unemployment rate that went up when the rest of Australia went down and a participation rate that continues to show employees have no confidence. People are giving up looking for work.

We have a government that is outsourcing its decisions—153 reviews, inquiries, task forces and new bureaucracies. There are more than six every month. A further 19 were announced this morning when they got one review back. This government would have been in review heaven when they got the Sofronoff report back because it said that we could have another 19 reviews. We have seen new bureaucracies—Building Queensland; Jobs Queensland, which they forgot about for 12 months; the Queensland Urban Design and Places Panel; the Queensland Productivity Commission; the Cross River Rail Delivery Authority; and the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council, just to name a few. We have a small business minister who has outsourced most of her job to a new bureaucrat at a cost of \$250,000 a year and do not forget the randomiser.

Child safety has not been dealt with. There are reports in respect of Mason Jet Lee that have been withheld, and more and more things not being delivered. What do they do? They reannounce our policies: ice; no-body no-parole; DV reform; Mason's law; survivors of institutional abuse; Royalties for Regions; container deposit schemes; plastic bags; the Great Barrier Reef—

*(Time expired)*