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 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.16 am): This week we have been taken inside and shown the hollow shell that is the Labor government—the Palaszczuk do-nothing government here in Queensland. We have had two days and a litany of excuses of why things cannot be done, why it cannot do it by itself, why it goes cap in hand—begging bowl in hand—to Canberra to fund its promises to deliver the infrastructure that it has failed to deliver.

We have also seen that not only is this a do-nothing government but this is a know-nothing government—a know-nothing government that is dragging Queensland down and deliberately seeks to keep Queenslanders in the dark on matters that are important to them—whether it is about the job losses that we are seeing in this state under a do-nothing Labor government; whether this is a do-nothing, know-nothing Labor government that cannot deliver train services, with a transport minister who not only did nothing about the loss of train services but he knew nothing about it either; whether it is the failures across the youth justice system, again, by an Attorney-General who did not know what was going on and then when she did do something, which was not very much, actually covered up the report that came out; or whether it is the child safety minister, who does not know what is going on in her own department and washes her own data to try and clean it up and still hides report after report. Department after department is in crisis, not delivering the services that Queenslanders want, and this government's incompetence and inaction is leading the way.

When we asked the Premier this week about the Minister for State Development and Minister for Natural Resources deleting ministerial record emails, what did she say? 'I don't know'—just the same answer we got with the member for Pumicestone. What did she say? 'I don't know.' When the member for Bundaberg could not pay her rates, what did she say? 'I don't know.' What did the member for Yeerongpilly—the 'mangocube' from out there—say? 'I don't know.' Then with her own director-general and the business contacts he had, what did she say? 'I don't know.' This is a Premier whose stock answer to all the hard questions is either, 'I'm furious,' or 'I'm angry,' or 'I don't know,' and then 'I don't know how to fix it up either. I'll refer it off.' When we asked the Premier and the minister for IT if they knew of other ministers who might be deleting their emails—and there is an unanswered question, too—what did they say? 'I don't know.'

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