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 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills) (10.25 am): I welcome the opportunity to follow the member for Everton. We always know when the LNP has nothing left to argue because they go back to bikies—except now it is just the LNP laws, not the VLAD laws. Notice they do not use the word 'VLAD' anymore? I wonder why that would be!

The LNP and the Leader of the Opposition are known for one thing—cut, sack, sell. That is their motto—cut, sack, sell. That is what they are known for. Just this year Tim Nicholls, the Leader of the Opposition, said in his budget reply speech when talking about public servants and redundancies—

Let me make that position very clear: there will be no forced redundancies. Unless, like every other workplace, people voluntarily decide to leave the Public Service, everybody who is a public servant will keep their job. Just so we are all clear, let me say it again: There will be no forced redundancies.

On 14 September 2012, Campbell Newman said—

Despite all the hype and hysteria, not one permanent employee has been 'sacked' as a result of the budget process. That is right—not one permanent employee has been 'sacked' as a result of the budget process. It is simply not true to say that this government has 'sacked' or 'cut' 14,000 people.

Three days earlier, he said, 'Today I can confirm the total number of FTEs to be lost in 2012-13 will be 14,000.' Tim Nicholls, the then treasurer, said this year at the Queensland Media Club on 7 March, 'I wasn't in charge last time.' On the same day, 7 March, Campbell Newman tweeted—

Leaders take responsibility for hard decisions that have to be made—I did. Time for@TimNichollsMP who drove asset sales & cuts #qldpol.

On 7 March, again Campbell Newman tweeted, 'If Tim Nicholls had no role in the policies of my govt (yeh right) what are his policies now and how do they differ?'

We know that Campbell Newman and Tim Nicholls are cut from the same cloth. They say one thing and do another—cut, sack, sell. Let us not forget the beauty of Campbell Newman in 2016 saying that many public servants now thank him for sacking them: 'What is often missed is that people were given generous severance packages and many people often thank me for giving them an opportunity to start a new business or new career.' I know what they say to me. Some still do not have jobs because of what they did.

The question for Tim Nicholls, the Leader of the Opposition, is: do they still stand by their comments that there was no sacking under the LNP when they were in government? Do they still stand by that comment that there were no public servants sacked? Do they now acknowledge that they broke their election promise when they said to public servants before the 2012 election that every public servant has nothing to fear under them? They have everything to fear from the Leader of the Opposition.

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