



Speech By Deb Frecklington

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Mrs FRECKLINGTON (Nanango—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (2.00 pm): This parliamentary year has ended how it began—with a government whose integrity is simply in tatters. What we have seen today is that the government has no openness, no accountability and obviously no trust from the people of Queensland. We heard during question time this morning that the Treasurer of Queensland, who is handling a government contract worth billions of dollars, has decided not to use the probity auditor for her meetings with members in the consortia. This is unacceptable, and there are many questions that need to be answered. Where is the Premier on this issue? Where is the Treasurer on this issue today? They have serious questions to answer—

An opposition member interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I take the interjection. They are running for cover. They are scared and they are avoiding scrutiny. How can people trust this government? We have seen that the Treasurer of Queensland certainly cannot be trusted. We have seen that the trains do not run on time. How can you trust that your train is going to turn up on time when you are standing at a station? They have the worst on-time running, when we left them with the best on-time running of any state.

How can people trust this government when the health system is in a mess? The health minister cannot even front up when there are problems. He calls legionella I think exciting. The health system is in a mess because they are shutting down maternity services, ambulance ramping is going back up through the roof and emergency wait lists are blowing out and out. The education system is in a mess. How can people trust this education minister when she is the puppet for the union movement? Do not worry about the children, do not worry about the parents or the community members.

How can people trust this government when crime is going through the roof? We have seen the budget go down and crime go up. How can people trust this minister who refuses to stand up for regional communities? How can people trust this government in our proud regions in agriculture when they have ripped the guts out of the stability of all regional landholders? Why do they hate the bush? How can people trust this minister who simply does not understand the bush? Only the LNP is capable of looking after Queensland.