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PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Former Member for Noosa

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (2.30 pm): This morning in the chamber we saw a shameful attack on the former member for Noosa, Mr Glen Elmes, by the Labor government. Those opposite might have thought it was cheap party politics when one loses their seat and then attempts to have a job. Mr Elmes has set up a consultancy company, just like many former Labor members have got government gigs on boards on both sides of politics—Paul Lucas, John Mickel and others. It was a shameful attack, but there was a lack of leadership by the Premier in not realising that half of her ministers have responded positively to Mr Elmes.

As I raised this morning, the former member for Noosa received an email from Minister Farmer which states, and I will table this—

Glen I would be so happy to put your name forward. I think you know the regard in which I hold you ...

I will certainly pass on this message.

How are things going? I think of you regularly ...

Not only that, Glen Elmes got a letter back from Minister Craig Crawford that states—

Hi Glen.

Mate I would be fully supportive of you going into such a role if you get a chance.

...

If you have any leads or opportunities feel free to contact me and I will attempt to chat to the right minister etc.

Then of course we have another one from Minister Mark Furner that states—

Hi Glen,

Good to hear from you I do hope you are well.

I have always respected you and agree with the manner in which you conducted yourself ... I will keep you in mind and see if any of my colleagues know of anything.

I table copies of those.

Tabled paper: Bundle of emails from the member for Ferny Grove, Hon. Mark Furner, member for Bulimba, Hon. Di Farmer, and the member for Barron River, Hon. Craig Crawford, to the former member for Noosa, Mr Glen Elmes [302](#).

The point is that the Premier made a shameful attack on a former member of this House when ministers have been engaging positively with the former member for Noosa. I do not expect anything less from this Premier given the way the Premier talked about the member for Miller, the former energy minister, Mark Bailey. Who got the secret government job? Peter Simpson from the ETU emailed to a mangocube account—a private email account of the minister—a CV, yet this morning the Premier stood up in parliament and said—after telling the journalists yesterday, 'I'll find out who it was. Sure. Get back

to you'—'It was redacted from the RTI.' Ask the member for Miller who he employed. Who got the gig? The CV was put forward. Who got the gig? In fact, I understand that the chief of staff to former Minister Bailey is now the deputy chief of staff in the Premier's office. How about she talks to the person sitting next to her giving her advice every day and asks, 'Who got the government contract? Who did the ETU recommend through the secret mangocube account?' The Premier did a press conference this morning, and I table a copy of a photo of the Premier's press conference.

Tabled paper. Photograph depicting the Premier, Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk, on a building site with a CFMEU flag and Indigenous flag in the background [303](#).

Guess which flag is in the back? The CFMEU! The Premier has failed to answer the questions: who got the government job? Whose resume—secret resume—was forwarded on a private email account? The member for Bundamba was forced to resign for far less offences than the member for Miller. He should do the honourable thing and resign. If not, the Premier should sack him.

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