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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (2.27 pm): Haven't we seen this week everyone flee from the member for Miller! He was sitting over there this morning under scrutiny by the opposition and he had no friends. Not even the ministers who sat around the cabinet table, such as Minister Kate Jones, would defend him. She handballed that to someone else—'Oh, it was a collective decision. I had nothing to do with it.' Her name was on the paper that put it to cabinet. Then the Premier said, 'It was a cabinet decision. We all made the decision—nothing to do with me.' The Premier is the chairperson of cabinet. If this individual's name were taken to cabinet in such a short period of time, such as four days after he applied for the job, the Premier would have signed off on the urgency of the matter. The Premier knew about the appointment of this man through the ETU's pick.

As I have said in this place before, former minister Hinchliffe, former minister Jo-Ann Miller and former minister Donaldson resigned for far fewer offences than the member for Miller has committed. The reality is that this man was given a lucrative job on a board through a back-channel, secret email account, mangocube. Although the government wants to distance itself, the Queensland public ought to see the rest of the emails. The government has only released 35 emails out of 600 emails. If the Premier stands up and talks about transparency one more time, she should in the same time breath release the 600 emails for full transparency so the public can see what other dodgy deals the minister, the member for Miller, undertook while he was a minister and still is a minister.

We know the government is a government of the unions, run by the unions, for the unions. That is the mantra of the Labor government. We have seen over four years the dodgy union deals that this government has given on the back end of receiving millions of dollars of campaign finances. We know the only reason the member for Miller is still the minister is that he is protected—not by the Premier but by his left-wing factional ally Deputy Premier Jackie Trad. That is why he is still the minister.

There was a disgraceful tweet this morning from the Minister for State Development. The Minister for State Development has tweeted a picture of a North Korean dictator with the honourable opposition leader's face on it.

Mr Mander: Imagine if we did that!

Mr BLEIJIE: If an LNP member of this chamber posted a picture of a female minister in the Labor government with a dictator in North Korea, the Minister for State Development would be the first one on level 5 colonnade asking for someone to be sacked. How disgraceful! What an attack on a woman! Not only that, he called the opposition leader #rocketwoman, somehow making a laughing matter of threats that a North Korean dictator has made to the rest of the world. I ask the minister to delete the tweet. Show the respect that he demands of so many others in this place.

Mr Dick interjected.

Mr BLEIJIE: Yes, he does. If he does not, the next time he lectures anyone about any of these issues, they should take it with a grain of salt because the Minister for State Development is a bully. He is the biggest bully in this place. I suggest the Minister for State Development wear the wristband with the words, 'Everyone together tackles bullying'.

Mr Dick interjected.

Mr BLEIJIE: I have hit a nerve with the Minister for State Development. Did he not tweet it? Did he not check it? Did he do the artwork?

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Stewart): Order! Minister, I think you have had a fair go. I think we will leave it to the member for Kawana. Member for Kawana, you need to make sure that you are not provoking members of the government.

Mr BLEIJIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am dealing with facts. The fact is that the Minister for State Development has tweeted a photo in the last few hours with the opposition leader, the honourable Deb Frecklington, and the North Korean dictator. It is a disgrace and he, of all people, because he challenges everyone else on these subject matters, should delete it.

The other thing is that the Premier turns up on the Speaker's Green with a bunch of superheroes. Last week it was Dora the Explorer—'Look over here; don't look at Mark Bailey. Dora is over here.' I do not think Dora found missing-in-action Mark Bailey all week. Then the Premier stands with Wonder Woman, Superwoman, the Hulk and whomever else was here. I have to tell the Premier: they are actually people in costumes; they are not real superheroes. Every time she gets in trouble she calls for backup. Last week it was Thor; the week before that it was Dora. Today it is Wonder Woman, Superman, superheroes and supervillains. They are just people in costumes. If she wants to build the confidence of the people in Queensland, she needs to do her job as Premier of the state and stop the theatrics of these superheroes she is relying on.

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