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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (5.50 pm): To the Leader of the House, I am not going to be lectured to in this place about political donation laws when she was the member for Petrie tied up in the AWU scandal and the Bill Shorten scandal and took \$25,000—

Mrs D'ATH: Mr Speaker, firstly, I will be writing to you about that. Secondly, I take personal offence and it should be withdrawn.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Kawana, will you withdraw?

Mr BLEIJIE: I withdraw. I was not even 10 seconds into it, colleagues, and we are already there. When she was the member for Petrie she took a political donation of \$25,000 from the AWU. That was then later investigated by the royal commission into union corruption and the dodgy deal when Bill Shorten sold out the workers in the cleaning industry.

Earlier we had the Deputy Premier lecturing us about political donations. No-one on this side of the House has signed off an Eddie Obeid cheque for \$5,000 as she did when she was the state secretary of the Labor Party. Those opposite should not come in here and lecture us about political donations when most of the people they took corrupt political donations from are sitting in a prison cell. Eddie Obeid is sitting in a prison cell in this country.

This government said when first elected in 2015 that it would be open and transparent. It has been anything but open and transparent. It is an arrogant government. Have we not seen it now it has have a majority in this House? Now we can see its arrogance. The Minister for Education sat in here this morning and said, 'That's why we're over here and you're over there, and we are going to be here for a long time.' I do not think so with that sort of arrogance.

I note that the member for Woodridge is on the speaking list. He is one of the most arrogant members in this place. He has never done a day in opposition. He would not be able to handle a day in opposition. When he wakes up and walks out his front door if his limo is not there he will go inside and sulk for the rest of the day. The very first thing he did when he became health minister in 2015 was put an iris lock on his door to keep the director-general out of his office. That is how scared he was, but he should be because he was the minister who oversaw SPER when SPER payments reached over a billion dollars and he forced the department of justice to hide the figures by disclosing two separate amounts. That is what we have from that side of the House.

We have seen cash for access. When Tony Fitzgerald was talking about accountability and integrity there was deafening silence from the Labor Party in the state of Queensland. The Deputy Premier stood in this place and said that she was concerned with the number of items on the list. So

are we! We were limited to 250 words. It could have been a lot bigger had we been given the chance under standing orders because if we could have we would have mentioned Gordon Nuttall, Traveston Dam, Health payroll, the SPER fiasco, the fake Tahitian prince and the waste levy that we were not going to have. The list could have gone on.

One of the items on the list concerns the member for Mansfield. When I made an accusation of alleged fraud and an Ethical Standards Unit investigation at the last parliamentary sitting, the member for Woodridge screeched, 'How dare you talk to her like that?' If there are allegations of fraud—I do not care who you are in the state of Queensland—you own up to it and you take responsibility for it. Just because you are a socialist Labor member does not mean you do not have the responsibility to stand in this place.

She did stand in this place later and talk about sending flowers to someone. If that is all it was, release the 175 pages of the RTI. She should clear her name. I have some advice for the member for Mansfield. If the member for Mansfield wonders where we got this information from, we did not wake up in the morning and decide to do an RTI on the Cavendish Road State High School when the member for Mansfield was the principal. It is because one of her colleagues told us about it. That is why we did the RTI. One of her colleagues told us about it and hence we did the RTI. She needs to look closer to home and those who really support her.

In terms of accountability, the Premier makes one press conference a week or one a fortnight. That is all we get from her in terms of press conferences. We know the gallery cannot get more than a couple of tweets about various things during the week. On the other hand, the member for Nanango is out every day of the week doing media because we believe in the future of Queensland. We want a positive Queensland. This government should hang its head in shame.

(Time expired)