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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Minister for Education

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (2.21 pm): It is time for the education minister to resign. With all of her bungles this year, what a year it has been in the education space. Before I get to the education minister let me turn to the vice-regal appointment. I congratulate His Excellency the Governor, Paul de Jersey, who has had his appointment extended for two years. I heard that the only other nominee on the list was the Premier herself, but cabinet decided to give the extension to His Excellency, which I think is tremendous.

As I said this week, where is the Premier? No-one knows where she is, where she goes, where she hides. We only ever see her when there is a royal visitor on Fraser Island, a boxer or a tennis player. The tennis player only lasted one tweet and then he was out. There is no leadership by the Premier because she is Premier in name only. The opposition's chosen tactic this morning was to ask questions of the real Premier of the state of Queensland, and of course that is the member for South Brisbane. Doesn't she have probity issues to address! Making a ministerial statement will not address those probity issues. There are many more questions.

Turning to the education minister, the reason she should resign is because of the union influence on her and her office. It is too great, and the people who are suffering are the kids in our schools. We have seen the abolition of independent public schools from 2020. They will have secret meetings with the steering committee, and we have been advised that the union is telling people the transfer system for independent public schools will start back in the old system in January next year. They say they support independent public schools by 2020, but they are tearing it up.

In relation to air conditioning schools, they cannot bring themselves to air condition every state school in Queensland. Good luck coming into summer! The LNP will do that. This week we saw the education minister stand to endorse an illegal strike about Nauru. With Indigenous kids on average having the worst NAPLAN results in the state, the minister has her priorities all wrong. She should be looking at our NAPLAN results, not what is happening in Nauru. The minister gets up because the teachers union said that teachers should do this. This minister will not do anything against the union movement because we know that she cannot.

This year she said that the Queensland Council of Unions had nothing to do with her, but her office drafted the program. 'I see nothing. I hear nothing. I do nothing.' Only the LNP will treat kids in Queensland with the respect they deserve and—

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