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## **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL; APPROPRIATION BILL**

### **Economics and Governance Committee, Report**

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (6.24 pm): It is a pleasure to endorse report No. 11 on the 2018-19 budget estimates and the Appropriation Bill 2018. I see that those on the opposition benches are still holding a grudge in terms of how the whole process went. I thank the Premier, the Deputy Premier and the Minister for Local Government for participating on the day. I also thank the departmental officers and statutory authority officials who participated in the process. I would also like to thank our research director, Trudy Struber, who is no longer with the committee.

All up we had 194 questions. I was reading through the report and reliving the fun and excitement of the day. This made me look back at the standing orders which are to govern the conduct of the business and proceedings in this House and through the committee process. As I was reading through the non-government statement of reservation I noted the reference to 39 minutes being wasted due to disruptions such as points of orders. That then made me go back through the transcript.

The member for Kawana started off with a question that was 154 words long. It contained a preamble and three questions. After he was pulled up, pulled up and pulled up yet again he managed to get the question out in 29 words. There were still three parts to it. Obviously it could be done in fewer words.

The member for Kawana also managed a number of times to raise objections around my question relating to the former member for Kallangur, Mr Trevor Ruthenberg, and my concern around the parliamentary website containing misleading information that had been provided by the former member. The member for Kawana stated—

Worried about the polls, are you? Worried about Longman on Saturday?

That is a direct quote from the transcript. I was not worried about Longman. I had worked with Susan Lamb for well over a decade and I knew that she was competent to bring in a fantastic result in Longman. All up she got a 3.7 per cent swing.

**Mr MOLHOEK:** I rise to a point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker. The member is not speaking about the budget. Longman has nothing to do with the budget.

**Mr POWER:** I rise to a point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker. This was an issue that we dealt with during the hearing. It was around the costs, the processes of the parliament and the way things were added to the website. This directly references the transcript.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Dr Robinson): In so much as the member is relating to the statement of reservation, I will allow it.

**Ms BOYD:** I was very confident that the LNP would not even achieve 30 per cent of the primary vote at the by-election in Longman, which they did not. They received 29.6 per cent of the vote. As I had seen a former LNP member run against me at the election, I knew that the community would absolutely not have any confidence in them whatsoever.

Let us move on to the member for Nanango. It is a shame my time is running out because I have a long list of references in the transcript. If anyone wants to see how frustrating this process is they should read through the opposition questions. It really is quite mind-boggling.

At page 13 of the transcript the member for Nanango is seeking to table documents already tabled. There is some time gone. At page 29 of the transcript—this is a doozy—she is referring to crime statistics from two different days and two different regions and trying to form some kind of pattern. She stated, 'I am simply trying to ask a question.' She was simply trying to ask a question. If only the opposition could have asked a question that conformed with the standing rules and orders we would have been okay, but that was not to be. At page 32 it can be evidenced that she is blocking the Premier from answering the questions.

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Dr Robinson): Order! Those on my left will cease interjecting.

**Ms BOYD:** At page 46 she complains about not having enough time to ask her questions, despite getting the lion's share of the time—well in excess of their allocated time. After lunch we have the member for Everton straight out of the blocks from two o'clock. I was part of last year's 2017 Parole Board fiasco. My expectations were high in terms of what he would do.

At page 51 of the transcript—hang on, there was a doozy back at page 49. Let me go back. The member for Everton sought leave to table documents that he then used as a prop, even though we had had discussions about how props were to be used. At page 51 of the transcript there were repetitive questions time after time after time. There is a great quote in *Hansard*. I do not have time to read it. I definitely recommend members check it out.

At page 65 the member for Everton then complains about the Deputy Premier answering the question. He said, 'Are you seriously going to let this continue?' Gosh, it was awful! 'This response is now running to five or six minutes.' What a catastrophe! The interjections go on. The member for Mermaid Beach even had to pull him up on his interjections at one point. This is glorious reading. I recommend the transcript.

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