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MOTION: FUEL PRICE MONITORING

 **Mr MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (6.50 pm): For the benefit of the minister, I will outline to him that I am Minno, not Simmo, so he can get his little email working and email me at steve.minnikin@yougetthedeal. Well done, mangocube!

I am looking forward, along with every member on this side of the chamber, to listening intently to every forthcoming maiden speech on that side of the chamber. I will tell members why: this front bench has absolutely no talent whatsoever. I stand corrected: with the exception of the member for Mundingburra they have absolutely nothing going for them whatsoever. I know that Mr Pegg is thinking he is high in the pecking order. We will hear the maiden speeches, Boyo, and see where he ends up.

Mr SPEAKER: Use the member's correct title, please.

Mr MINNIKIN: For my first exhibit rewind the videotape back to 15 February. In this very chamber on this very chair I got up and asked a very specific question to the Premier. In fact, here is another plug for you, Mr Speaker, because I will repeat it exactly according to *Hansard*. I got up and said, very simply, 'Mr Speaker, congratulations on your appointment,' earning some brownie points there. I then went on to say—

My question without notice is to the Premier and I ask: will the Premier adopt the LNP's real-time monitoring of petrol prices, which is known to save motorists hundreds of dollars a year at the petrol bowser in New South Wales?

Her very curt, some might say arrogant, answer was no. I am so glad that, with that contribution, Minister Grace could follow the bouncing ball. Well done, Minister Grace. I invite the minister to do the pub test. She should do what I have done: walk down the street and have a word to a good neighbour of mine, Lee, whom I was very delighted to take the opposition leader out to meet. We did a presser there a couple of weeks ago. He was asked whether a third-party app would do him any good. He said, 'Absolutely. Why wouldn't it?' Why wouldn't it when our petrol prices in Queensland are absolutely ridiculous?

Let us rewind the videotape even further back. We do not need *Hansard*; we only need to have been here or have ears. Which side of the chamber scrubbed the fuel subsidy of about 9.2 cents a litre back in 2009? It was the government side.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! This is a robust debate but I would like to hear the member.

Mr MINNIKIN: Every time those opposite get their Toorak tractors filled up they know who should be blamed—themselves! In fact, it is almost incredible. What is in the Kool-Aid in the politburo at Peel Street? We had the response from the erstwhile leader the Premier, who got up and said no. Even Minister Grace could follow for a change, which is fantastic.

We then had a letter to the editor of the *Beaudesert Times* from the good doctor over there, the minister, saying, 'You know what, maybe something. Maybe. Maybe. Maybe.' Then the coup de grace: it was chocks away, start up the engines, wheels up, away with the Premier. She had pretty much only

just cleared Brisbane airport air space and the Deputy Premier had a presser, within about two seconds. That was the start of the U-flip. She got up and said on ABC News that maybe they would look into it as well.

Then we have the minister for emails, the Minister for Transport and Main Roads, the star of the six o'clock news tonight, who also got up and said, 'Well, you know what, gee, maybe, because I tell you what, I am not too popular with my colleagues at the moment.' It is like the proverbial Chokito bar. We have all seen the movie. We know exactly what his colleagues think of him at the moment.

The bottom line is that this is a sensible option. Why will it not be adopted? It is because of arrogance. This is a bit of homework that it does not suit those opposite to hand in because it makes absolutely perfect sense. I implore the government to get on board.