




Speech By
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 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (5.08 pm): Mr Speaker, thank you for that guidance. How galling is it to listen to the member for South Brisbane, the Treasurer, talk about everything else but the motion, everything else other than the cover-ups and secrecy of this government. This is somebody who accepted on behalf of the Labor Party a donation from Eddie Obeid of \$5,000. We do not hear anything about that.

Mr Janetzki interjected.

Mr MANDER: I will take that interjection from the member for Toowoomba South. What did Eddie Obeid get for his \$5,000 donation to the Queensland Labor Party?

Mr Nicholls: Five to 10 in the lockup, I think.

Mr MANDER: I take that interjection from the member for Clayfield. It is no coincidence that the Deputy Premier did not address one issue in this motion. That is what this government is all about. What is so galling about this government is they get up on their high horse, they take this high moral position and then cannot deliver it with their actions.

We have listed a litany of examples showing how this government does not live up to the expectations that it itself gave to the people of Queensland. We were limited in that motion to 250 words. How we wish we had 1,000 words because we could have gone on and on and given example after example of secrecy and cover-up.

Where do we start? We will start with the member for Miller, mangocube, and the hundreds, or is it thousands, of emails that have been sent to his private email account.

Mr Minnikin: 600 at the moment.

Mr MANDER: I will take that interjection from the member for Chatsworth—these hundreds of emails where it appears government business has been done and it has not been put on the public record.

Mr Watts: It has been done in secret.

Mr MANDER: It has been done in secret. We talk about influence on members of parliament. What greater influence has there been on any member of parliament in this House than the influence the unions have on the Labor Party. The mangocube emails are the greatest example of this, wherein we have ETU officials, the heads of unions, making not even recommendations but directions with regard to who should be on what board. Despite the fact that the person did not make the application themselves and despite the fact that the deadline for the applications had passed we see this appointment made. The secrecy and cover-up involved is appalling.

Then we have the secret royalty deal with Adani. We have still not been told what agreement has been negotiated with Adani. The Labor government approved the Adani mine, encouraged Adani to apply for a NAIF loan and negotiated a secret royalty deal that the people of Queensland have no idea about.

Then there was the review of the youth detention centres and the redactions contained in the report. There were so many redactions in that review that it made absolutely no sense whatsoever. Every third word was redacted. It was only when the government was shamed by the media that it went back and reviewed it. Even then it was still heavily redacted and hard to understand.

This is a government that constantly talks about being transparent and accountable. It is neither of those. Those opposite are good at blaming everybody else but themselves. We love it when the government does that. The Queensland public is sick of it. They are sick of excuses. They are sick of you blaming the federal government.

Mr SPEAKER: Comments through the chair, please.

Mr MANDER: Sorry, Mr Speaker. They are sick of excuses and the blame being put on the federal government, the former LNP government or the Brisbane City Council. Take some responsibility for your own actions and govern this state competently.