



Speech By  
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**MOTION**

**Palaszczuk Labor Government, Waste**

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (5.10 pm): I rise to support this very accurate motion moved by the Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

**An opposition member:** An outstanding motion!

**Mr JANETZKI:** It is that outstanding that he started to run out of letters in the alphabet and had to move to (aa). It is not just hopeless waste that we are looking at here this evening; it is wrong priorities. If there are three words that highlight the wrong priorities of this government they are Robert John Fardon. Mr Deputy Speaker—

**Mr SPEAKER:** Member, I am the Speaker, not the deputy speaker. I might just send a reminder out—after the former member I believe was not referring to people by the correct titles—that members are referred to by their correct titles for the remainder of the debate.

**Mr JANETZKI:** On 15 or 16 January when Robert John Fardon was released the shocking priorities from this Labor government were on display. There were text messages to Sharon Tomlinson, the first and most shocking victim of Robert John Fardon, that gave her the cheery sign off that she could go to prison. There were paedophiles on the loose without GPS tracking and nobody knows where they are—the police minister does not know where they are; the housing minister does not where they are—and children at risk in Queensland. The police minister ran and hid from view and kicked out the Police Commissioner to defend the indefensible.

The priorities of the Attorney-General, who should have been out defending the decision to let Fardon loose on the public, under no supervision, with no GPS, were made obvious through media statements that were put into the public arena. We had not heard much from the Attorney-General for a couple of days, but from a media statement we saw what she had been up to. She had been collating Queensland's most popular baby names for 2018. That is what the Attorney-General thought she should be doing when Robert John Fardon is out and about. I am pleased that the first name on the girl's list was Charlotte. I have a Charlotte so that is wonderful news. I was pleased to have a report on that from the Attorney-General.

A couple of days later it got worse. At a time when the police minister and the Attorney-General are kicking out the Police Commissioner to defend the indefensible in the release of Robert John Fardon, the next media statement we got from the Attorney-General was titled *Love app-tually—your perfect match may come with a catch*. These are the priorities of the Labor government under Annastacia Palaszczuk. I will table those two documents.

*Tabled paper:* Emailed media statement, dated 7 February 2019, by the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Hon. Yvette D'Ath, titled 'Love app-tually—your perfect match may come with a catch' [528](#).

*Tabled paper:* Media release, undated, by the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Hon. Yvette D'Ath, titled 'Queensland's most popular baby names for 2018 revealed' [529](#).

It gets worse. Recently we saw from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court the annual report from the Supreme Court which shows that nearly one in five criminal matters is now aged over 12 months. We are the only jurisdiction in Australia that does not have an electronic filing system. It gets worse. In the District Court, Chief Judge O'Brien has made clear that there is an unsustainable lack of resourcing in the District Court. Outstanding matters older than 24 months blew out from 75 to 128 in one year. All the while the Attorney-General does not seem to be fighting nor does she seem to care to be fighting for resources for the Queensland justice system.

What has been made clear is that the Attorney-General and this Labor government are behind the eight ball on law and order matters that mean something to Queenslanders. On the Sunshine Coast, Sharon Cuthbert was tragically killed. The Attorney-General said she was really pleased with the sentence that was obtained by the DPP that was in the range. I will tell members who was not pleased—Michael Cuthbert, his two daughters, the member for Ninderry and the thousands and thousands of people who signed a petition. Then we have the family of Ken Altoft, who was killed by a drug driver who was doing 154 in a 60 zone and sped away from the scene. No appeal was undertaken. These are the shortcomings of a government that does not appear to care one little bit about public sentiment or about the rule of law and is letting the public down. All the while we have paedophiles being placed in priority order ahead of kids, we have bikies on the Gold Coast placed ahead of Gold Coast residents and, sadly, we have residents, who have lost loved ones, put behind drugged and drunk drivers.