




Speech By
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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (11.39 am): It is pretty obvious that there is only one side of the chamber in Townsville today that is interested in Townsville and that is the LNP, because we on this side of the parliament love Townsville.

Government members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Members to my right!

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: We love North Queensland and we love Townsville. The Palaszczuk government's motion is only relevant because it can talk only about the past as its own record is so abysmal. It has done nothing for the last five years. No matter where we look—

Ms Trad interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Deputy Premier, you will call members by their correct title. That is the last reminder to members during this debate.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Thank you, Mr Speaker. The Deputy Premier is just enjoying her last day in that role. Yesterday, I met with representatives of the Queensland nurses union. They said that they would have loved to meet with the Premier, but they did not have the chance. The Premier started this week in Townsville on ABC Radio saying words to the effect, 'We have come to Townsville and our doors are going to be open,' but then when we talked to the Queensland nurses union, there was no meeting. When we talked to the canegrowers, there was no meeting.

An opposition member: They couldn't find the door.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I take that interjection. That is exactly what those interest groups said—they could not find the door. Yesterday, the Queensland nurses union talked about why there are so many agency nurses here in Townsville, why there are so many issues for patients turning up right now—

Ms Enoch interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Minister for Environment, you are warned under the standing orders.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON:—not back in 2012 but this year—and why the health system is again a basket case. Let us look at the crime rates and wonder why there are so many police officers on this side of the chamber. They know that the crime rate in Townsville is out of control. In Townsville, car theft has increased by 52 per cent and assaults are up 35 per cent. Yet the Premier sits here and talks about extra police. When will those extra police be delivered? Well into the never-never. It was an election commitment that this Premier decided not to deliver to the people of Townsville.

Mr Furner interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: The Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries is warned under the standing orders.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Again, I say that the Palaszczuk government can only talk about previous governments, because it cannot stand on its—

(Time expired)