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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (11.17 am): We will be opposing the motion before the House this week. As I indicated in the Business Committee meeting yesterday, for various reasons I do not believe enough members are getting the opportunity to speak on relevant bills. For instance look, at the issues of the day. When I said in the Business Committee meeting yesterday that we ought to be speaking about issues important to Queenslanders, we only have to look at what the government was doing this morning. They were talking about everything but state parliament—everything including the federal election and preferencing. They were calling it dirty preference deals. I wonder if they know that they have done a dirty preference deal with Clive Palmer in Townsville in the seat of Herbert. I wonder if they know they are preferencing Clive Palmer's candidate above the LNP in Herbert. Is that one of the minister's dirty little secret deals they have done?

Mr Nicholls: Dickson, Brisbane, Bonner, Petrie.

Mr BLEIJIE: I take the interjection. I table a copy of that.

Tabled paper: Photograph of how-to-vote cards for the electoral division of Herbert [648](#).

The three how-to-vote cards in the seat of Herbert show that the Labor Party have done this dodgy, dirty, secret deal with Clive Palmer, but they did not talk about that this morning. Now the Deputy Premier is smiling; she knows about these dirty, secret deals. She knows that her old mate Anthony Chisholm was trying to do the deal, but he was not the best negotiator and failed.

Mr Mander: She should have done it herself.

Mr BLEIJIE: Maybe they should have sent the Deputy Premier in to do the deal, to eyeball them like she does to get the deal across the line. What was going to be a fantastic deal for the Labor Party last week is now a dirty deal because they did not get the deal. Call it what it is.

These are the issues that we want to talk about but cannot because we do not have the opportunity in the parliament now under these business committee motions. If we had, we would have talked about those sorts of deals. We only have to look at Clive Palmer's press conference yesterday—14 minutes expressing all of the communication the Labor Party tried to have with him to get the deal across the line.

We are not going to cop the fact that they come in here this morning with a load of rubbish about dirty secret deals when they have done deals with Clive Palmer himself. If we look at last week, we had the health bill and the QCAT bill. I table the speaking list.

Tabled paper: Copy of speaking lists titled 'Health Bill' and 'QCAT Bill' [649](#).

More than 15 members of parliament were denied the opportunity to speak on those particular bills. Who could forget the chaos we saw last week? Up until the eleventh hour the parliament thought we were debating a bill to fix a loophole in the blue card legislation. We were 'all systems go' for the

blue card debate, when all of a sudden the education minister stands up and does a second reading speech on the education bill. Prior to that the Leader of the House came in and moved an urgent amendment to the standing orders to move the education bill up in the order of priorities for the government. That is how chaotic this parliament is. Remember that every time the Leader of the House gets up she talks about transition and the smooth running of the parliament. Last sitting week was anything but smooth; it was chaotic. Members were running around looking for what they were speaking on—

An opposition member: That was the Labor members.

Mr BLEIJIE: Labor members, of course. Then, Mr Speaker, you had the government not being able to fill the agenda, so immediately after question time they had to do another federal political motion on the budget because they did not—

Mr Mander: It went well too.

Mr BLEIJIE: I take that interjection. I do not know who came up with the idea to put the Premier on the spot and do 10 minutes espousing the Labor Party's economic strategy. That was not the best strategy. But, I tell you what, when the LNP got up we told Queenslanders about the lack of economic strategy of the Labor Party: taxes, taxes, taxes. That is all it is: taxes, taxes and taxes. That is all federal Labor offer the people of Queensland and Australia: taxes, taxes, taxes. I was watching a different program last night to the Premier if she says that debate was a win for Bill Shorten.

An opposition member: *Game of Thrones.*

Mr BLEIJIE: It was before *Game of Thrones*. I take that interjection.

Mrs D'ATH: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. Before getting to my point of order—relevance—I might say that the members who are interjecting over on the other side have already been warned.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Stewart): Member for Redcliffe, I do not need your counselling on how to do my job. Member for Kawana, I ask you to come back to the debate, please.

Mr BLEIJIE: I thought that was what the point of order was going to be. I wondered how I got to four and a half minutes without mentioning the motion. I take your guidance, Mr Deputy Speaker. As we saw last week there was chaos, not knowing what the parliament was doing with the new structure of stability. It is anything but stable. This week we are still not debating the blue card loophole legislation. We have moved on from that. Last week it was so important—

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