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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (5.51 pm): From looking at today's list of speakers for Labor, it seems that punishment has been doled out. The member for Stafford—the numbers man—started the debate for Labor. Every one of the Labor members and ministers who have appeared in the newspapers in the past seven days criticising the Palaszczuk Labor government got a gig on today's speaking list. I do not think they got on the speaking list to reinforce their previous messages; it was to create the guise that they did not really mean what they said or what they wrote to the federal Labor Party about not voting for Richard Marles as the deputy leader of the Labor Party because of his anti-region and anti-coal stance. First up we heard from the numbers man and then we heard from the Carmichael crew—the members for Keppel, Maryborough and Mundingburra—and we finished off with robustness provided by the member for Rockhampton. To top off the Labor debate, in comes the challenger. The member for Woodridge will finish off the debate. What a load of rubbish!

With the ructions that are happening within it, the Labor Party is more divided than I have seen in 10 years in this place. This morning the member for Woodridge stood in this place and said, 'What evidence do you have that I'm going to be challenging for some leadership position?' I gave the deputy leader all the assurance in the world that we have plenty of evidence out there. I will go through a few articles, which I will table. Here come the challengers!

A *Courier-Mail* article dated 28 May is headed 'Trad blamed for losses'. There are only two people whom the federal Labor Party blame for the election loss and they are the Premier and the Deputy Premier, because of this left-leaning government. The article states—

"... but I think they're doing a good job of getting that up," one MP said of her detractors. "I do think the Right are using it as a way to dust up Jackie," another said.

I table that article.

Tabled paper. Article from the *Courier-Mail*, dated 28 May 2019, titled 'Trad blamed for losses' [965](#).

I table another *Courier-Mail* article, headed 'AI not going to plan in Premier's mine game'.

Tabled paper. Article from the *Courier-Mail*, dated 25 May 2019, titled 'AI not going to plan in Premier's mine game' [966](#).

An article from the *Australian* is headed 'Second chance for Labor's Cameron Dick'. It talks about the member for Woodridge being elevated to cabinet in his first term, and guess what? It states, 'Mr Dick could not be reached for comment.' That was back in 2012. He has a habit of not being able to be reached for comment. That is just like the other night with channel 10 news, when for three days he was silent and would not provide any commentary as to whether he was after the Treasurer's job.

Tabled paper. Article from the *Australian*, dated 25 March 2012, titled 'Second chance for Labor's Cameron Dick' [964](#).

Let us not forget what the member for Bundamba said about the member for Woodridge when he was flip-flopping about which seat he was going to run for. He was looking at Anna Bligh's old seat. I have here a *Courier-Mail* article that states—

Former MP Cameron Dick—

the member for Woodridge—

who is considered a contender for the parliamentary leadership should he be voted back in ...

At this time the best model for our party going forward is a joint vote ... between individual party members ...

That was years ago when he was against the union movement. The article continues to state that he was slapped down by the member for Bundamba and the member for South Brisbane 'who backed a move to allow unions'. The article states—

"Cameron, we know there's a bit of self interest in this, Ms Miller said before also taking a swipe at former Premier ...

'A little bit of self-interest', says the member for Bundamba. Take a bow, member for Bundamba. We love you, member for Bundamba! I table a copy of that article.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Courier-Mail*, dated 11 March 2014, titled 'Former education minister Cameron Dick the front-runner in ALP Woodridge preselection race' [962](#).

This article from the *Brisbane Times* is headed 'Cameron Dick's plan to return puts Labor leadership in the spotlight'. I table that article, as well as all of this evidence.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Brisbane Times*, dated 11 March 2014, titled 'Cameron Dick's plan to return puts Labor leadership in the spotlight' [963](#).

Tabled paper: Article from the *Sunday Mail*, dated 25 August 2014, titled 'Cheers and jeers as ALP debates how to choose its next leader' [961](#).

Tabled paper: Screenshot, Channel 10 News First Twitter post, dated 28 May 2019, regarding the Palaszczuk government [960](#).

There is only one person on the Labor Party benches who is destabilising the leadership of the Palaszczuk Labor government and that is the member for Woodridge. The member for Keppel says that Labor Party members ought to look in a mirror. That would not be hard: they can just borrow a mirror from the member for Woodridge, who carries one around with him every day of the week. We know that his leadership ambitions are strong. We know that he wants to be the leader, but before that he wants to be the treasurer. He knows that the Labor Party has gone so far to the radical Left that they will not win the next election with the Premier and the Deputy Premier.

The answer to Labor's problem certainly does not lie with the member for Woodridge, despite the fact that he wants it. Only the LNP will deliver for all Queensland—from the country and the bush to the cities and the coast.

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