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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Correction to *Record of Proceedings*, Apology; Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (2.57 pm): Before I get to my friends in the CFMMEU who were protesting out front today, can I correct the *Record of Proceedings*. On page 2405 of *Hansard* during the committee debate yesterday I said—

I did not mention the age or gender of anyone involved.

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No, I did not.

I want to correct the record. I have checked *Hansard* of estimates. That is not correct. I would point out that in the estimates transcript the honourable Minister for Education in fact gave an indication of age and gender of both individuals in that particular case, so I would raise that. I wanted to apologise to the House and correct the record.

For weeks the LNP has been calling out the Deputy Premier and the integrity crisis surrounding the Palaszczuk Labor government. Three separate polls of Queenslanders have all said that the Deputy Premier should be sacked for her conduct. Today the CFMMEU have raged at these gates, calling on the Deputy Premier to fall on her sword for the good of the workers of Queensland. The CFMMEU says that the Deputy Premier, who lives in an inner-city mansion with millions of dollars worth of investment properties held in family trusts, is no friend of the worker and completely out of touch. You know it is bad when even your union overlords say that you are out of touch. Today the CFMMEU issued a press release—and I will table it in a minute—which says—

Deputy Premier Jackie Trad needs to resign, and the Cross River Rail Delivery Authority be scrapped, if the government wants to salvage the fiasco that Brisbane's \$5.4 billion Cross River Rail risks becoming. If the Palaszczuk government has any regard for the interests of Queensland—

workers—

and still aspires to retain government at the next election—Ms Trad must resign as Treasurer and Deputy Premier.

That was from the construction union that fund the Labor government. Their own union are calling out the Deputy Premier. In this press release, they also say—

Right now we have more energy and political capital being spent on Jackie Trad's \$700,000 investment property than we do on the largest infrastructure project in Queensland.

So says Michael Ravbar, the CFMMEU president. Let us not forget that, when the government recently appointed the Queensland industrial relations commissioners, Michael Ravbar also put out a press release which was detailed in the *Australian* under the heading 'Michael Ravbar blasts Queensland Labor for giving plum IR positions to senior union figures'. He said—

For the first time in years, the QIRC will have scant representation from blue-collar and trade workers in Queensland—exactly the sort of workers Ms Palaszczuk and her Ministers love to pose with in high-vis and a hard hat at every available photo opportunity.

The CFMMEU is calling for the Deputy Premier, Jackie Trad, to be sacked. The government should listen. Earlier today we tried to seek leave so I could move a motion of no confidence in the Treasurer. One would think they would stand up and defend the Deputy Premier. They could not. They did not even want the debate. Not one minister could utter the words, 'We support the Deputy Premier.' What a shambles.

Tabled paper: Media release, dated 22 August 2019, from the CFMEU titled 'Trad must go to prevent Cross River Rail debacle' [1341](#).

Tabled paper: Article from the *Australian*, dated 5 July 2019, titled 'Michael Ravbar blasts Qld Labor for giving plum IR positions to senior union figures' [1342](#).