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Transport and Public Works Committee, Report

 **Mr HART** (Burleigh—LNP) (12.18 pm): I am glad the minister has just given his speech as it gives me the opportunity to respond to him and to the previous minister who spoke. The previous minister told us that the Labor Party do not sell anything. I would like to remind the member of what actually happened in Queensland with sale documents. I table a document for the benefit of the House.

Tabled paper: Document, undated, titled 'The truth about who sold Queensland assets' [1305](#).

It was only the Labor Party that sold anything in Queensland. It sold everything in Queensland. I would also like to challenge the transport minister on the light rail funding, \$351 million—late to the party as normal. Where is that money coming from? It is not in the budget. It was announced on the spur-of-the-moment. Perhaps it is GoldLinQ's money; is that where it is coming from? A route for the light rail has not even been gazetted yet, but the minister keeps telling us different. I challenge the ministerial statement made yesterday by the Minister for Housing in which he told us what a great job they are doing with public housing in this state.

I table another answer to a question I asked on notice about long waiting lists.

Tabled paper: Answer to question on notice No. 621 asked on Tuesday, 30 April 2019 [1306](#).

From that answer we see that when the LNP took office in 2012 there were 23,500 people on the waiting list. When we lost government in 2015, that number had fallen by 7,000. What has happened now? In the five years that this minister has been in charge and the Labor Party has been in government, the figure has risen to 19,900 people, which is a rise of 3,400 people. In fact, according to this answer, in the past month 1,000 extra people were added to the very high waiting list. That is an absolute failure by the minister.

I table the RTI document that I was unable to table during the protection racket for this government that is the estimates process.

Tabled paper: Document, undated, relating to occupational licences titled 'Released under RTI' [1307](#).

When people look at that RTI document, they will see that in numerous briefing notes by the QBCC the minister was told that the legislation needed to change to protect the occupational licences of plumbers. Over four years he was told that that needed to be fixed because it was causing a massive issue for the QBCC. In October 2016, the QBCC told him that it was causing reputational damage, that it was putting their reputation at risk. The QBCC told the minister that they could not take disciplinary

action against or refer to QCAT plumbers who no longer held occupational licences, as the minister had failed to change the legislation, despite being asked to constantly by the QBCC. In fact, during that time over 5,000 plumbers lost their occupational licences and were at risk of doing illegal plumbing work. The minister had to come in here and retrospectively fix the problem before it created a massive issue for the people of Queensland and the plumbers in Queensland.

I refer to project bank accounts. In 2017 the minister stood in the House and told Queensland subbies that they would be paid on time, every time. It is now 2019. Where are those project bank accounts? We have had the trial, the implementation panel has been established and the minister has the report, but we have not yet seen it. We do not know how many Queensland buildings presently have issues with cladding.

The QBCC is telling builders on the Gold Coast that they are not complying with the National Construction Code of Australia with regard to the seismic requirements for their buildings. In this state we have a massive issue with certifiers, but the minister has done very little to fix the problem. Last week I met with the Master Builders and the HIA. They told me that the building industry is at breaking point over this. At the moment the certification industry cannot get insurance. They are struggling to find somebody who will give them insurance at a reasonable rate. This is going to cause a massive issue in the building industry very soon.

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