



Speech By  
**Michael Hart**

**MEMBER FOR BURLEIGH**

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 **Mr HART** (Burleigh—LNP) (12.13 pm): Labor is in full flight here. It is the art of distraction. That is what this government is moving forward with.

**Mr Whiting** interjected.

**Dr Miles** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. Member for Bancroft and Minister for Health, you are warned under the standing orders. You will direct your comments through the chair.

**Mr HART:** Instead of talking about important issues like integrity, the government has come in here and moved a motion without notice to go back seven years to try to reinvent history. Let us have a talk about the facts here rather than the story that the Labor Party would like you to believe.

As far as selling assets is concerned, the Labor Party sold Queensland Motorways for \$3 billion. They sold Abbot Point for \$1.8 billion. They sold QR National—in fact, the Premier was heavily involved in that—for \$4 billion. While talking about selling ports, it was not the LNP who sold the Port of Brisbane for \$2.1 billion. Who was it?

**Opposition members:** Labor!

**Mr HART:** It was Labor. It was Labor who sold the Port of Brisbane. They sold Forestry Plantations for \$600 million. They sold Cairns and Mackay airports for \$289 million.

When it comes to energy assets, the Labor Party sold the wind energy assets for \$460 million. They sold the Golden Casket for \$530 million. They sold PowerDirect for \$1.2 billion, Sun Gas for \$75 million, Sun Retail for \$1.2 billion and Allgas for \$435 million. They sold \$16 billion worth of Queenslanders' assets, yet they come in here and try to reinvent history. They mentioned the closure of schools. I will table those assets sales for the benefit of members.

*Tabled paper.* Document, undated, titled 'The truth about who sold Queensland's assets' [1445](#).

There was a question on notice No. 35 that was asked of the minister for education at the time, Anna Bligh, about schools that were closed by the Labor Party—not the LNP, but the Labor Party. There were 26 schools closed including in Townsville and all over the state. There was the Oxley Secondary College in Corinda, the West Moreton Centre for Continuing Secondary Education in Corinda, Ogmores State School in Mackay, Gunpowder State School in Mount Isa, Yellowbank Junction State School in Roma and Yuleba Creek State School in Roma. They are the only ones who sold assets and closed schools.

*Tabled paper.* Answer to question on notice No. 35 of 2003, asked on 25 February 2003 [1446](#).

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