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 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (12.07 pm): Today it is a pleasure to rise to endorse the committee report. The estimates soiree was my first delving back into the parliamentary scene after giving birth to my daughter and having a couple of weeks off. While I had been back at work in the electorate, I had not yet been back in parliament. I must say that it was very much the 'same old, same old' that we saw from the opposition. We saw continual interjections. The master of interjections, the member for Nanango, continually made frivolous interjections—

Mr Power interjected.

Ms BOYD: I take that interjection from the member for Logan: it was about 22 times. I concur that the member should have thrown her out. We all note that apology to the House. Today the member for Nanango said that this was a bad budget. I think it is worthwhile prompting the House's memory around budgets delivered by the previous LNP government. The member for Nanango said—

This is a budget that delivers a brighter future for Queensland and encourages confidence.

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I am proud to have worked with the Treasurer in some parts of delivering this budget.

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I am also proud to be part of a government that is prepared to make the tough decisions in the best interests of all Queenslanders.

That budget sacked 14,000 public servants. The member for Nanango obviously does not know a bad budget from a good budget when she sees it.

Then we had the master of overextension in the member for Everton. I have been part of a number of estimates hearings with the member for Everton. I was there when the Parole Board had too many women, in his view. The member for Everton was fairly contained in this particular estimates hearing although he needed some assistance, which the chair dutifully provided to him.

The member for Warrego stood up in this place today and lectured us on integrity. During the last parliament I was part of a committee that handed down a report which admonished the member for Warrego for her behaviour. The hypocrisy of that member to stand in this House today—

Ms Pease interjected.

Ms BOYD: I take the interjection of the member for Lytton: the first time ever in Queensland parliament.

A government member: What did they do? Promote her.

Ms BOYD: Promoted in the next term of parliament. Some could be forgiven for being confused about what the member for Warrego was doing at that estimates hearing. It felt to me as though we almost had to hold her back from being the cheerleader for Labor policies. Gone are the days when the members of the LNP in this place spruiked Royalties for Regions. I think it is fair to say that everyone in Queensland has seen that for what it is. Instead, they are cheering Works for Queensland and Building our Regions.

Mr O'Rourke: Great programs.

Ms BOYD: Great Labor programs that are being delivered hand in glove with local councils right across our state. It was interesting to see the performance—sadly lacking—of the members for Ninderry, Bonney and Mermaid Beach. They are great committee members who make worthwhile and worthy contributions each and every week in our committee, but they were not afforded reasonable time to ask what I am sure they would have had as well-prepared and considered questions. When they did get those opportunities they were fleeting—gone all too soon.

This is a great budget that delivers for people right across Queensland. In the electorate of Pine Rivers it delivers with jobs, transport and education. We have 1,643 people with job-ready skills through Skilling Queenslanders for Work—a program the LNP in government scrapped. For every dollar that is spent this program delivers several dollars back into the economy, yet it was scrapped. Back to Work has delivered 129 jobs in my electorate. We are seeing great infrastructure investments through transport, which I will speak about later this week. Pine Rivers Special School and Bray Park State High School will be getting great infrastructure investments.