



Speech By Steve Minnikin

MEMBER FOR CHATSWORTH

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Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, No Confidence

Mr MINNIKIN (Chatsworth—LNP) (5.32 pm): Yes, member for McConnel, the CCC allegedly did peruse all supplied pages and recommended a new criminal charge be created. From one real estate principal to another—the queen of value capture—I am available whenever you want to talk real estate. Whenever you want to talk, come and call me.

Mr SPEAKER: The member for Chatsworth will direct his comments through the chair.

Mr MINNIKIN: Parliament is about honourable members' integrity but just as importantly the perception of integrity. The member for South Brisbane would be wise to heed the advice of another British prime minister, Winston Churchill, when he stated, 'With integrity, nothing else counts. Without integrity, nothing else counts.' The bottom line is that this goes to the very heart and core of not what we think about the member for South Brisbane personally; what it comes down to is her integrity. This is indeed a question of value. It is indeed a motion about character or the perception of a lack thereof.

The Deputy Premier is indeed the little leftie gift that keeps on giving. We saw the pathetic stunt pulled earlier this afternoon by the democratic socialists opposite to try to divert attention away from this government's integrity crisis, but try as hard as she might the little red socialist engine from Peel Street just cannot seem to get a break lately.

Mr SPEAKER: They are characterisations. Correct titles will be used. I will limit that, member for Chatsworth. You will withdraw those comments.

Mr MINNIKIN: I withdraw. When we were on the other side of the chamber, we thought the most valuable player award for those on this side of the chamber used to go to the member for Bundamba. I am sorry to say that, member for Bundamba, because she is not in the chamber. The member for Bundamba was our MVP for a long, long time because of her outstanding contributions, but I am delighted to announce to the House—

Ms GRACE: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. There is a code in here that we do not say when someone is not present in the chamber and he did indicate that.

Mr SPEAKER: I think you are misunderstanding that. He indicated that the member is not in the chamber, but he has not made a point of their absence as being the point of the comment being made. There is no point of order.

Mr MINNIKIN: I am delighted to announce to the House that this mantle is now well and truly worn by the Deputy Premier. Although Whistler is attractive, please do not go anywhere. We know the accommodation in Whistler is not all that luxurious, but please we would love you to stay for—

Mr SPEAKER: Member, that is the second time I have had to warn you. Given that you are warned under the standing orders, I ask you to tread very carefully.

Mr MINNIKIN: At the end of the day, we know that the poll that has been run by one of the major commercial TV stations was not pretty. There is another way to engage in statistics and that is actually to come and visit real people, so I invite the member for South Brisbane to come down for a drink with me to the Carina Leagues Club and engage in the real pub test about the perceived lack of integrity. The comments that she would hear would be very interesting.

The member for South Brisbane claims her integrity scandal is just simply a grubby LNP smear campaign, but we absolutely disagree. The member for South Brisbane has never fully told the House if she signed off on donations from Mr Eddie Obeid—a bit of a void still there. The member for South Brisbane claims to have lived in South Brisbane all of her life but was enrolled to vote in Narangba for six months in 1999. That was around the time of the Shepherdson inquiry and just before she moved to New South Wales—a bit of a void still there. She called on the CCC to investigate donations to the LNP but refused to include the union donations to the investigation because there is no way a Labor government does favours for union donations—more than a void there.

We all know she has an investment property—and still has it actually—that she did not declare that has increased probably in value because of decisions she made as Treasurer as part of cabinet with Cross River Rail and the Inner City South State Secondary College. That is a big, big void there— a huge void waiting to be fully and fulsomely answered. She has also failed on many other counts. We have got the lack of declaration of her husband's law firm on the panel for CS Energy and the free accommodation in Whistler with the Queensland government account lead for PwC.

We have an absolute litany of past behaviour by the Deputy Premier in relation to the way she treated the former premier, Campbell Newman. There were many, many tweets which also go to the heart of her particular integrity in relation to the very web of deceit and lack of integrity that she has actually been showing to this august House for many, many months. She needs to go.

(Time expired)