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 **Mr MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (4.47 pm): It all started off beautifully. Just after lunch yesterday it could not have been typecast any better: it was a beautiful day on the Speaker's Green and peak industry groups were lined up one after the other. Do you know what? They would have taken \$800. They would have taken anything. The trouble was that somewhere along the line between when that took place with all the cameras set up—which I am sure the new Treasurer had some input into—by the time they got to the five o'clock news yesterday afternoon and then the six o'clock news the triumvirate of the Premier, the Treasurer and the member for Cooper I am sure would have been sitting around going, 'My goodness, we've been trumped!' The lead story on all of the commercial networks was Django, so the \$800 million stimulus package was trumped by the rescue of a whale. Here we go with Django from the Gold Coast who jumped out of his tinnie and stole their thunder.

How formulaic was it to think that this week, this sitting, the 'brains trust' would have got together—sorry, member for Miller, you are probably excluded from that group—and they would have said, 'How can we deflect the fiasco of the Karl Stefanovic "I wake up with *Today*" story'? It was a train wreck of epic proportions. Given the fact that the Labor Party lost their deputy premier about 168 days out from an election, they were desperate to get off the front page. It was just terrible. So they have come up with \$800 million worth of stimulus package which, as I have said already, was trumped by the rescue of a whale.

That money could have been put towards the maintenance backlog. I reckon with my ready reckoner that the maintenance backlog is probably around \$5 billion at the moment. We on this side of the chamber have been arguing about that for many, many months. We know that the LGAQ wanted about \$600 million but they were lucky they took their \$200 million. At the end of the day, I have a question, through the chair, for the member for Miller or maybe the birthday boy, the member for Thuringowa. Could they set the record straight on what sort of accounting procedure we use to prepare a state budget? Is it: (a) cash accounting; (b) accrual accounting; or (c) all of the above? I would love either the member for Miller or the member for Thuringowa to actually answer the question.

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