



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR EVERTON**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**State Penalties Enforcement Registry, ICT Project**

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.00 pm): The Auditor-General has delivered a scathing assessment of Labor's SPER ICT project. This Labor government is the Commodore 64 of IT. It is a digital disaster zone. The total SPER reform program cost was \$76.8 million. That is \$76.8 million of Queensland taxpayers' money. This mess is of Labor's own making. Blame lies squarely at the feet of the Treasurer, Jackie Trad. Jackie Trad, the Treasurer, had the hide to come into this House this morning—

**Mr BAILEY:** Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. In his third term, the honourable member should know better and should refer to members by their correct titles.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Stewart): I have been listening. I believe the member has been correct in saying 'the Treasurer' and then the name.

**Mr MANDER:** The blame for this blunder lies squarely at the feet of Treasurer Jackie Trad. The Treasurer had the hide to come into this place this morning and try to blame others for this mistake. She first tried to blame the LNP government of five years ago. Then she implied criticism of the previous treasurer. Let us be quite clear about this: it is Treasurer Jackie Trad's total responsibility. At the last two estimates hearings we were assured by the Treasurer and the then under treasurer, Jim Murphy, that this project was 'safe and sound', that it was under control. Now today we see the Auditor-General's report, which is absolutely scathing.

Queensland voters need to Ctrl+Alt+Del this wasteful Labor government. It is clear that Labor and IT just do not mix. It is no wonder we have trouble funding infrastructure across this state when this government continues to waste taxpayers' money—time and time again. Queensland's economy cannot grow if it has the wrong Treasurer overseeing it. This Treasurer cannot be trusted to manage a single IT project let alone the Queensland budget.

This report highlights everything that is wrong with Labor: wasting taxpayers' money, budget blow-outs and wrong priorities. Taxpayers deserve to have their money treated with respect. No wonder Queensland's debt is skyrocketing to \$91 billion. To summarise this, the Auditor-General said that the many failings of this project provide valuable lessons for the future. He lists failure after failure. The LNP will treat taxpayers' money with respect. The Queensland public simply cannot afford Labor.