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 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (4.55 pm): Thank goodness for Scott Morrison and Josh Frydenberg. Thank goodness they are running the national economy. Thank goodness that what this Labor government wished for, which was Bill Shorten as Prime Minister, never happened. In the week leading up to the last federal election nearly every one of those on the front bench were advocating for Bill Shorten. Thank goodness that did not happen. We are in the safe hands of Scott Morrison and Josh Frydenberg.

I trust Scott Morrison and Josh Frydenberg's ability to manage the economy as they have so far. A person I do not trust to manage the economy is the current Queensland Treasurer, the member for Woodridge, a Treasurer who does not know the debt level of this state, a Treasurer who does not know the number of public servants in the state when he makes an announcement that we are going to put a cap on those public servants so the announcement meant nothing, a Treasurer who does not know one of the key fiscal principles associated with the Public Service which is that the Public Service was not to outgrow the population rate. It has basically doubled that rate.

How would a Treasurer who does not know those facts have any idea about navigating the state's way into economic recovery? We can have absolutely no confidence whatsoever that he can do that. This is a Treasurer who does not understand what suppresses the economy or saps business interest. Nine new or increased taxes have been introduced over the last five years.

Let us remember what the Treasurer said yesterday in question time when we gave him a chance to rule out whether there will be any new taxes going forward. What did he say? He said, 'Not at this time.' Not at this very moment of time, when he answered the question, are they thinking about raising taxes. They will do exactly what they did when they sold assets. They said that they would not do it and then in the new term—bang, straightaway—'let us hit them once again. Let us break those promises.'

This is a Treasurer who we cannot trust. This is a Treasurer who has no numbers or details. I know who I trust. I trust the Prime Minister of this country and the federal Treasurer. They will do what is right for the people of Queensland and what is right for the people of Australia. I prefer this Treasurer though. The former treasurer, the member for South Brisbane, had far more intelligence, but this Treasurer is more fun to play with because he has no idea about what he is doing. He is the king of fluff, the king of jargon and pompous ceremony, and is very light on detail. Those opposite have no idea.