



Speech By  
**Tim Mander**


**MEMBER FOR EVERTON**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Palaszczuk Labor Government, Integrity**

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.00 pm): Another day, another integrity scandal for the Palaszczuk Labor government. This is a government for which bending and breaking integrity rules is now the norm. As usual, who is at the centre of these scandals but the member for South Brisbane. It is the member for South Brisbane who is the real powerbroker in Queensland Labor, not our weak Premier.

A whistleblower, a very reliable source, has contacted the LNP to say that the member for South Brisbane, the former treasurer, had overruled the independent panel to choose Queensland's Under Treasurer. The panel chose Leon Allen, a former CommBank executive, but they were overruled by the former treasurer. She instead installed her own choice, Frankie Carroll, and ignored the independent panel. It is more proof that the Palaszczuk Labor government does not understand the meaning of integrity, and Labor once again has serious questions to answer.

In 2014-15 the Premier was very proud to announce that all of the positions at the director-general level would be merit based and independent. We would contend that that is definitely not the case and that this shows we cannot trust the Palaszczuk government. Yesterday in question time we asked the Premier to release the selection panel report, but she has refused. The Premier is too weak to act, so the LNP has. Today I have referred this matter to the Crime and Corruption Commission. I table a copy of that letter because this type of behaviour cannot be tolerated.

*Tabled paper:* Letter, dated 16 July 2020, from the member for Everton, Mr Tim Mander MP, to the Chairman, Crime and Corruption Commission, Mr Alan MacSporran QC, requesting an investigation into an alleged interference with the recruitment process for the role of Under Treasurer by Ms Jackie Trad MP [1197](#).

This is another in a long list of Labor integrity scandals. Only this week we have seen the Minister for Education, at best one could say, misrepresent her qualifications. As education minister, for her to suggest that she has a qualification at masters level because she attended a 10- to 12-week course with no exam and all she received was a certificate of completion is an absolute outrage. Many people have contacted my electorate office about that. Of course, we also had the member for South Brisbane's property deals and the member for South Brisbane's involvement in the selection of a school principal. There is also the former chief of staff of the Premier who is still under investigation by the CCC. We have seen that the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Health have been under a cloud. Of course, the Premier herself has been found—and she is the only Premier in the history of the Australian parliament to be found—in contempt of the parliament. It is certainly not good enough.

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