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Consideration in Detail (Cognate Debate)

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Economics and Governance Committee, Report

 **Mr PURDIE** (Ninderry—LNP) (12.32 pm): I rise to make a very short contribution in relation to the estimates hearing for the Economics and Governance Committee and its consideration of the Appropriation (2020-21) Bill. The Economics and Governance Committee's report was tabled earlier this month, and I thank all those members for their valid contributions. The LNP does not oppose the bill, but there are some significant concerns that should be highlighted.

The committee report reflects the finding of the budget estimates process that was conducted in the aftermath of the state election. It should come as no surprise that this process exposed the depth of Labor's economic mismanagement and subterfuge. As a member of the Economics and Governance Committee, I think it is appropriate to start with the state's balance sheet. The 200,000 plus Queenslanders who are currently out of work had very high expectations that the budget would deliver at least some relief if not the prospect of future employment in the post-COVID economic environment. However, all the Labor government was able to manage was \$28 billion in new debt simply to keep the lights on.