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 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.15 pm): Judging by the number of times the Treasurer has just said ‘Leader of the Opposition’, I think it is safe to say that the Leader of the Opposition is getting under this government’s skin. We have had 10 minutes of hearing from true Queenslanders about how they have been let down by this government’s failing health system. I reckon after listening for 10 minutes about those personal stories of patients waiting for treatment in a failing health system, and those health workers who continue to speak to us about the considerable problems in Queensland Health—

Honourable members interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Bush): Order!

Ms Bates interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Mudgeeraba, you are warned under the standing orders.

Mr JANETZKI: It is clear that the opposition and the Leader of the Opposition are getting to them. We are hearing the stories from true Queenslanders, real Queenslanders, and we are coming into this House to stand for them. If that is all the Treasurer of Queensland has to offer on the day of the federal budget, we should be worried. Originally, I was expecting a poor budget from the Treasurer in June. I am upgrading that now: I think it is going to be a horror budget. I think it is going to be a horror budget, because when the Treasurer delivers those kinds of personal attacks for five minutes during a federal budget week we ought to be worried about what is ahead for us.

The performance from the Treasurer on Sunday was most interesting as well. He started saying, ‘We’re reworking our forecasts on border closures.’ I would hope that in ‘Budgeting 101’ the Treasurer is doing a whole range of testing across the budget process and not just leaving it until Sunday, when it appears he woke up and put together a shopping list of their infrastructure—

Mr Bleijie interjected.

Mr JANETZKI: I will take the interjection from the member for Kawana. After he had probably been out there busy walking his pooch, he realised he had to put together an infrastructure list but forgot all about having to engage with the federal government, talk to them about the infrastructure project, put together business cases, intervene with the federal government, speak to them about what Queensland desperately needs. He woke up, put out a list and played politics. That is what this comes down to. This Treasurer has one fiscal policy left—just the one fiscal policy—and that is to blame Canberra. There is nothing else that this government has to offer Queensland except to blame Canberra.

Queenslanders already know all about infrastructure and they know about it from an independent source, from Infrastructure Partnerships Australia. They already know that this government spends 12 per cent of its budget on infrastructure when states like New South Wales and Victoria spend 20 per cent. These are numbers that go to how much is being spent on infrastructure and they are from an independent source.

We know how the Treasurer does not like independent sources, independent voices. He is wrapping up the Productivity Commission right now. He does not like that. He does not like CommSec and what CommSec has to say time and time again. When the Treasurer was away in January, he sent out the member for Sandgate to try to take apart the methodology of CommSec. That went nowhere. The methodology of CommSec is sound, and what it has told us time and time again is that this government's record is very low. Most recently, it was sixth for economic performance and last for economic growth.

They do not like independent voices, so here are the independent numbers on infrastructure for the next four budget years. What will New South Wales spend? It will spend \$84 billion on infrastructure; Victoria, \$69 billion; and Queensland, \$35 billion. Before this Treasurer starts to throw stones it is time for him to look at the performance of this government. It is time for them to invest in the infrastructure needs of this state. If people are on the M1 they do not care about who is paying for it and they do not care about the politics that the Treasurer is into; they just want it built. If people are at the Redlands and they want a hospital built, they do not care about the politics that the Treasurer plays; they just want it built. If they are in Townsville and want water infrastructure, if they want real things in this state, they do not care about the politics played in here by the Treasurer; they just want it built. The people of Queensland deserve better, and now they should be extremely concerned about the budget to come in June this year.