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MOTION

Federal Budget

Mr JANETZKI (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (4.21 pm): The job of Treasurer and the job of the Deputy Premier are serious ones. Having listened to the Treasurer's histrionics and melodrama over the last couple of days, it shows how off the mark this Treasurer and Deputy Premier are—the two people competing for the top job; although it seems that the Deputy Premier has been told to tone it down just a little bit. I see a bit of smile over there. I think the Deputy Premier knows that he has to tone it down.

Build a contrast with the Treasurer. If I was listening to the Treasurer correctly this morning he gave a bizarre contribution. In his MPI contribution yesterday I think he set the world record for a five-minute speech when it comes to mentioning the words 'Leader of the Opposition'. The former leader of the opposition, the member for Nanango, used to cop it a lot from the Treasurer, but yesterday we again heard his preoccupation with the personality and the individual and not with the fundamental issues facing Queensland.

Dr MILES: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The motion is very clearly about the federal budget and the speaker has not even mentioned it.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): The House will come to order. There has been some latitude granted in this debate. I will continue to listen carefully. There is no point of order.

Mr JANETZKI: In the Treasurer's media release on the weekend he talked about having to rework his forecasts. It is budgeting 101 that the Treasurer needs to focus on. He should be getting ready for his budget. It is next month. Is he suggesting that they have not run scenario testing in budgeting 101 to factor in good and bad variables?

Last night we saw another media release from the Treasurer where he talked about how bad federal Treasurer Josh Frydenberg's forecasts for growth were. I would take a conservative forecast for economic growth rather than the wildly optimistic forecasts from those opposite over the last generation of governing this state. Whether it be wild overstatements of revenue forecasts or whether it be wild understatements of expenditure forecasts, it has been unacceptable for a generation.

The Deputy Premier talks about a fair share. This side of the House will always fight for Queensland's fair share. How much of the budget is the Deputy Premier putting towards infrastructure? Twelve per cent—is that a fair share of the budget?

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have called the House to order several times. Deputy Premier, your interjections are not being taken.

Mr JANETZKI: Is 12 per cent of the Queensland state budget allocated to infrastructure a fair share when other states are allocating 20 per cent of their budgets to infrastructure? There is a horror budget coming. We can see it from the performance of these two ministers.

(Time expired)