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 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.18 pm): The contribution from the minister makes me sad. This is a matter of public interest. We are here to debate serious matters of state. That was not a contribution worthy of a minister. The Leader of the Opposition was giving personal stories that the minister should be listening to. Stories like those of Les from Flagstone and Trisha from Rockhampton are stories that this side of the House will keep telling here. The people of Queensland are deserving of a minister and a government that will deliver appropriate health services for this state.

To criticise the Leader of the Opposition for telling people's stories in this House is just sad. This House must ask questions. The Leader of the Opposition has just given the government 24 hours to get its house in order so that it is aware of what is coming. While there are health stories that need to be told and questions that need to be asked we will tell those stories and we will ask those questions. My portfolio as shadow Treasurer is vitally important for the delivery of good health services in this state. Without a strong economy we will not deliver the health services that the state so desperately needs. Again, we will keep asking questions because this state deserves a health system where people are not sitting in ambulances ramped at the front of hospitals and do not have to wait for months at a time for treatment. People should be seen in a timely fashion and they should be given the health services that they deserve from a first-world economy.

From the Treasurer we hear all the good news about the economy, but there are warning signs that the Treasurer is wilfully ignoring. I think back to the COVID lockdown just after our previous sitting week when the Treasurer of this state was walking his pooch and sharing photos on Twitter. Meanwhile, we on this side of the House were engaging with industry stakeholders to develop a business COVID lockdown action plan. It was this side of the House that was delivering ideas for the people of Queensland, not that side of the House. We saw the Treasurer walking his pooch and posting photos on Twitter. That is not good enough. That is not the leadership that the Treasurer should be providing to the state.

I draw attention to one figure in particular, which we will never hear the Treasurer raise, that is, the latest ABS numbers on private capital expenditure in this state. Across the nation, due to the strong economic leadership of Josh Frydenberg and Scott Morrison, we have seen a three per cent increase in private capital investment, which is money being invested by private citizens. Long after federal government stimulus and the pitiful support delivered by this state government have ended, it will be up to the private sector to create jobs and wealth in this country.

In Queensland we have seen a five per cent drop in private capital investment in the last quarter. That tells us that the businesses of Queensland have no confidence in this government, and we know why. We have record bankruptcies in the state. We are fifth in the CommSec report. We are last on economic growth according to CommSec. We have road maintenance backlogs that the

Auditor-General reported on years ago, and that cost has increased to \$6 billion. The unemployment numbers are good—it is good to see the figure below six per cent—but across the country full-time jobs dropped by 21,000, of which 16,000 were in Queensland. In Queensland, 16,000 full-time jobs have disappeared.

The Treasurer can stand up and talk about the headline numbers but there are warning signs that this government is simply ignoring. The minister's performance on the health situation, in contrast to that of the Leader of the Opposition, shows how little their minds are on the job. Their minds are not on the job when it comes to health and the leadership that we so desperately need from the Treasurer is missing. Queensland needs better.