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**MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST**

**Coronavirus, Vaccination**

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.15 pm): There he goes, the Treasurer of Queensland. When we have the most significant issues before us, what do we get? We get the hysterical rantings of the Treasurer of Queensland shouting at the clouds—

**An opposition member:** At the mirror!

**Mr JANETZKI:** I will take the interjection: shouting at the mirror. It has been pretty quiet today. We just had a little thing called the CommSec report released yesterday. The Treasurer has been pretty quiet on that. We are the second worst performing economy in the country on economic growth, on equipment finance, on overall economic performance, and the Treasurer comes in here to hysterically talk about vaccinations.

If we learned anything today, it is a reminder that it was the Premier of Queensland who caused a great deal of the vaccination hesitancy the Treasurer of Queensland is worried about. First it was the dog. Poor old Winton gets a very bad—no, actually, I take that back. The flu vaccination had to come first and next it was the dog. Poor old Winton copped the rough end of the pineapple. What has Winton done? Finally, if it wasn't the flu shot and it wasn't the dog, it was the trip to Japan. All this, together with unnecessary fearmongering around the AstraZeneca vaccine—which is not even going to be manufactured in Australia after next year—has been the primary contributor to the slowness of the vaccine rollout in Queensland. For the Treasurer to pretend anything else is just fundamentally untruthful.

What the Treasurer should be focused on is the Queensland economy. If not that, the Treasurer should be focused on the inconsistencies in border exemptions. As we saw last week, a week is a very long time in politics. In the last couple of sitting weeks the Treasurer has called MPs who asked questions about borders and businesses 'crazies'. The Treasurer is on the record in this place talking about anybody who asked questions about borders and businesses as 'crazies'. Last week we saw a remarkable flip-flop from this government. It went from, 'I'm keeping you safe; the government's keeping you safe' to, 'You've got to go and keep yourselves safe.' There was a fundamental shift in the language impressed upon this government by the leadership of the New South Wales premier, Dom Perrottet, that shamed this government into acting, yet border exemption inconsistencies prevail.

I spoke last sitting about the Minz family who were trying to get from South Australia to Queensland. They asked Queensland Health three times for advice as they went from Roxby Downs Station and wanted to cross the border at Cunnamulla. Three times they checked and they were not allowed to cross the border so they were sent to Moree. After I spoke about it last sitting, there was some interest from the police and Queensland Health, but 10 days on and the Minz family—four kids, mum, dad and grandma—have been languishing in a motel room in Moree. They have been sitting next

door to people in another Moree motel room who could cross the border every single day because they were working. I can now happily inform the House that, once again, media attention and political pressure have resulted in an outcome because the Minz family will be reunited today.

Time and time again, this government will not act unless there is political pressure or media pressure. The inconsistencies and the lack of clarity continue to prevail. If the Treasurer was worth his salt, he would turn his mind to solving this problem, not ranting at the clouds.