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MOTION

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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (4.53 pm): I love following the member for Keppel in these debates. There is nothing better. It just shows the clear incompetence of this Labor government. We have touched on the fact that there are not many ministers in the room. There are a couple who have just popped back in. I am really pleased that the Attorney-General did take that call and got in here to protect her team in the House, and I will tell members why. It was the Attorney-General who stood in this House this morning and praised the Morrison budget, as she should. She praised the budget because it is the Morrison budget that is delivering an extra \$1.1 billion for domestic violence and safety measures for women. It is the Morrison government that is delivering an extra \$2.3 billion for mental health services. These mental health services are being picked up by the federal government because the state is being let down by the incompetent Palaszczuk government.

This type of motion just shows how lazy and incompetent this current government is. It has been six years and their only excuse is to blame someone else. The Treasurer of Queensland is probably in there with the rest of his cabinet ministers having a little crisis meeting: 'Oh, my goodness me. What are we going to do with our budget because we've forgotten to actually look after Queensland for the last six years?' That is why they rely on the federal Morrison government to do the hard work. That is why the federal Morrison government has to step in where these people cannot.

It was the federal Morrison government that provided funds and support to the people of Queensland in the middle of COVID. There was \$27.9 billion from the federal Morrison government in support of Queenslanders. Where was the state government when it came to funding during that time? It was just \$8 billion. That was it over four years from the Palaszczuk government, and what about grants and being late to the party as well? That was an absolute shame.

The Morrison government had to step into Queensland because the Palaszczuk government had forgotten to do the books for the last six years. Talk about back to the bad old days of the Bligh years, which is why half of us are actually in this parliament. They could not run the health system and that is exactly what is happening again right now. That is why the federal Morrison government is giving the highest per capita spend of any state in health to Queensland. It is because these people would not know how to manage the health system even if they tried.