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 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (5.52 pm): I rise to speak in support of the motion. Over the last 40 or 50 years, there has been a quiz program on Australian and American television called *Family Feud*. Members might know it. It has been hosted by some well-known people like Tony Barber, Rob Brough and Daryl Somers. This show centred on what people thought about certain issues depending on the polling. It led to a very famous catchphrase. After the contestant gave what they thought was the most popular response, the host would go, 'Survey says' and we would have to wait and see what it said. We can be left in no doubt that when it comes to the most important decisions made in this state in the last 18 months—that is, the health advice—the Queensland cabinet has played a game of *Family Feud*, with the new host being the Premier.

Ministers sit around the cabinet table and have some big decisions to make. The host takes over. The Premier says to the education minister, 'We have the health advice, but I am asking you: should we close down the schools to protect our children?' The education minister: 'Survey says'. Then the Premier asks the health minister, 'We have the health advice, but should we start a scare campaign that says we will not open up borders or stop lockdowns until we have 100 per cent of people vaccinated, including children?' The health minister: 'Survey says'. Then the Premier has one other question. She asks the arts minister, 'Should we allow 100 people into a live music venue when we are allowing tens of thousands of people into Suncorp Stadium?' The arts minister: 'Survey says'. We can be left with no other conclusion than that this is how this government makes decisions.

Another proof of that is found when we look at the brief that was given to the polling company before they started the polling. It said, 'This research will help guide the decision-making around the lifting of restrictions.' Then when the polling company went to the people and asked them questions, one question was, 'What advice would you give to leaders about lifting restrictions?'

Let's get fair dinkum about this. This is an absolute con job and a waste of Queensland taxpayers' money. Over \$500,000, we know, has already been spent. My understanding is that they have extended that contract, so that same money will be spent again over this next period of time so that this government can work out what are the most popular decisions. Time and time again when we have asked for the health advice—to treat Queenslanders like adults so that they can understand what the implications are—this government has refused to provide it.

The government can immediately put to bed any doubt about the purpose of the polling that has happened over the past 12 months by doing two things—

Mr Crisafulli: Show us!

Mr MANDER: That is exactly right: show us. Show us the health advice. Secondly, show us the polling. The government whip has already admitted that it is not sentiment surveying; it is polling. He said 'polling' time and time again.

Mr Minnikin: A great contestant!

Mr MANDER: A great contestant; I take that interjection. The Queensland public deserves more than a game of *Family Feud* when it comes to the biggest decisions that have been made in this state probably in our history. There is one major difference between this government's polling and the *Family Feud* polling—that is, the *Family Feud* polling is public and everybody knows about it, whereas we know nothing about the polling from this government.