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Health System

 **Mr WHITING** (Bancroft—ALP) (8.04 pm): I rise tonight to talk about what we heard earlier today. We heard the LNP trot out that old line again—that the health system would be better off under the LNP. It is like they saddled up an old racehorse and they are going to send it around the track again, hoping that this time it might do well, that it might get up.

I remind the House what the Leader of the Opposition said today. He promised 'better resourcing' for the health system—not more resourcing but better resourcing. I am not sure what that means. He tried to undermine confidence in the Queensland health system for political advantage again. He said, 'I will never play politics with health.' He said that from the heart.

I do not think this line is going to work again because there is a problem with what they are doing, and that is that no-one believes them. Voters do not trust them with the health system. I will give one example. It will not work because Queenslanders know what has happened under Scott Morrison. We can see what they have done to GPs. Queenslanders know that it is harder to get into a GP. They are not producing as many GPs as they should and the rebates they get are stuck in the 20th century. We also know that Scott Morrison has made a mess of aged care. Aged-care workers cannot get a decent wage. It is underfunded.

Opposition members interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Lui): Order, members to my left!

Mr WHITING: There are a lot of Queenslanders in hospitals who should be in aged care. Hundreds of beds are being taken up.

Mr Mickelberg interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, member for Buderim!

Mr WHITING: Queenslanders remember what happened under the LNP last time—4,400 workers were sacked, including 1,800 nurses. People in pathology and allied health care were sacked. We all remember what they did to the Barrett centre and the effect that had on those young Queenslanders.

Today I remembered something that Chris Davis, the former assistant minister, once said. He said that there was an underinvestment in public health and claimed that the new \$1.4 billion Children's Hospital booked patients using an antiquated 'DOS based software system'. I had forgotten all of that. I table that document.

Tabled paper: Article, dated 22 January 2015, from the *Guardian* online, titled 'Queensland government "deceiving voters on hospitals", says former assistant health minister' [441](#).

Mr Mander interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Everton, cease your interjections.

Mr WHITING: Queenslanders know that only Labor can be trusted to deliver a better healthcare system. Today we heard that they can expect to see an extra 9,745 workers in this term. We are rebuilding Logan Hospital and Caboolture Hospital, and we have built a new hospital at Kingaroy. That is why we cannot trust the other side on health.

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