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 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (12.08 pm): It says so much about somebody when, on their first opportunity to have a crack at a role they covet, they choose attack over action.

Government members interjected.

Mr CRISAFULLI: They would choose hate over hope. They would choose vitriol over vision. That is what we had today when, with the first opportunity for the Deputy Premier to stand up in this House and show that he has a vision for this state's future, he chose to blame a government that will be 10 years in the wilderness by the time of the next election. Doesn't that tell us everything we need to know? Doesn't that show us everything we need to know—that is, when a government has no record on skills development, in the week that the federal parliament decides to discuss skills it will cobble together a document to try and somehow masquerade as though it has had a plan in this area? When we scratch beneath the veneer, we will find that there has been more cancellations than completions on apprentices and traineeships in this state. Doesn't that show what happens when a government is all about how things look rather than how they are?

How many times during that contribution from the Deputy Premier did we hear the words 'small and family business'? Not once. How many times when the Deputy Premier was talking about the pandemic did he say 'thank you' to the mums and dads who went to work every day not knowing if they were going to get a phone call from the bank? While the Deputy Premier had his wage guaranteed week in, week out, every single small and family business and the hardworking people they employ did not know where the next feed was coming from. However, when the Deputy Premier stood up all he wanted to do was cast aspersions about the record of a government 10 years in the wilderness at the time of the next election.

The Deputy Premier mentioned this new era of cooperation with the Albanese government. Why in the last 100 days has there been not one mention about a fifty-fifty funding deal for health—the single biggest thing that we heard before the election? Why has there been not one mention about the need to fast-track a plan to get people who have been affected by flooding back in their houses—the No. 1 issue? Do members know why? Because this government will put the interests of itself and the Labor Party ahead of hardworking Queenslanders every day.