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MOTION

Jobs, Skills and Training

Mr JANETZKI (Toowoomba South—LNP) (12.18 pm): Beneath the desperate point scoring and the political positioning of the government, there in fact lies a really serious undertone to this motion, and I want to reflect on that for a minute. If the government wants to talk about job creation and boast about its alleged job creation program, it is important to look at what it is doing and how it is investing in Queensland's future. What we see here in Queensland now more than at any other time that I can remember is great taxation uncertainty and great regulatory uncertainty. We saw the glass jaw of the Treasurer on display again this morning in relation to this, so a motion like this tells us everything that is in fact wrong with the government.

They want to pointscore, political position and throw out red herrings, but the truth of it is that their approach to business is appalling. If they want to create jobs into the future in Queensland they will need to provide an investment environment and certainty with regulation that is currently not, in any way, shape or form, being displayed. Look at the introduction of the four new taxes: the gaming tax, the payroll tax on medium-size business, the coal royalty tax and the land tax. How can businesses invest in Queensland's future and create jobs in Queensland's future in an environment where they cannot trust the government in any way, shape or form?

Mr Healy interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Pause the clock. Member for Cairns, you are warned.

Mr JANETZKI: The tax I want to focus on just a little bit is the land tax, which the Treasurer has just dropped on an unsuspecting property industry. There have been 10 new property taxes levied on the property industry in Queensland since the Palaszczuk government was elected. At estimates it appeared that nobody knows how the most recent one is going to be collected. It will drive investors out of Queensland and renters will ultimately pay the price. We have an economic environment where investors will not invest and jobs will not be created. Time and again the Deputy Premier will rise and talk about things that do not matter: he will talk about Peter Dutton's au pair; he will talk about Wellcamp. The environment for investment in Queensland has never been worse and this motion has never been more of a disgrace.