



Speech By  
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**MOTION**

**Palaszczuk Labor Government, Cost of Living**

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (5.00 pm): I move—

That this House notes the increasing financial pressures on Queensland families arising from the policies of the Palaszczuk government as evidenced by:

- (i) young learner drivers being required to pay the highest licence fees in the country;
- (ii) a 25 per cent increase in vehicle registration fees since 2015;
- (iii) increasing domestic and business power bills;
- (iv) increasing water bills resulting from government imposed bulk water charges;
- (v) record pressure on housing affordability and a growing unavailability of private and social housing stock making it increasingly difficult for Queenslanders to put a roof over their heads;

and calls on the government to ease this cost-of-living crisis and reduce the financial burden it has imposed on Queenslanders.

Yesterday the Leader of the Opposition asked a number of cost-of-living questions at the beginning of question time. They were important questions because the people of Queensland are feeling the stress and pressures of cost of living.

After the first Dixer from the government side, the Treasurer interjected to the effect of ‘finally, something that matters’. I would have thought if you were the Treasurer of Queensland cost of living matters. Cost of living matters—whether it be fuel or another \$900 on the mortgage since May when the cash rate started increasing. Far beyond that, I would have thought the issues that are in the control of the state government would matter. Cost of living from the state government’s perspective would matter to a Treasurer who was serious about delivering a better economy and a stronger Queensland.

You need only turn to the motion to see some of those areas where the state government could bring some downward pressure on cost of living, whether it be learner driver’s licences, power prices, car rego or water bills. There are areas listed in this motion that you would expect would matter to the Treasurer of the day. Mr Deputy Speaker, you would expect me as shadow Treasurer to say that now, wouldn’t you? We hear a lot from the government about the Murdoch press. Today the health minister went rogue on the ABC. You would expect me to say what I am saying. You would expect the *Courier-Mail* and the ABC to say what they are saying.

However, there is a new publication on the block. It was being handed out yesterday in front of 1 William Street. It is a new edition to the fourth estate. The new publication on the block is called the *Dick Daily Echo*. There are some amazing couple of pieces in this new publication. There are three in particular that I want to draw attention to. The first one is ‘Dick’s tips for managing your household budget’. The next one—and I know the member for Chatsworth is going to really enjoy this one—is ‘Insider secrets: how to blow an entire budget surplus on just one rail project’. What a story! It is not the *Courier-Mail*. It is not the ABC. It is the *Dick Daily Echo*.

**Mr Minnikin:** Sign me up.

**Mr JANETZKI:** It is all here. I think all of us on this side of the House should go and get a subscription immediately. The third piece I want to draw the attention to in the *Dick Daily Echo*—and this is my favourite; this is a good one—is ‘Passing the pub test: how to look fair dinkum in the front bar with people who actually work for a living’.

**Mr Minnikin:** Who wrote it?

**Mr JANETZKI:** They know. Who are the CFMEU members over there? We know. It was handed out by a couple of guys in high-vis over there. I assume that we all know who wrote this article. I want to encourage all of us to go and get a subscription. I often wonder how the Treasurer fits in. Last week he was out at Moranbah. I often wonder how he fits in out there at Moranbah. He was at Mount Morgan when he should have been at the Queensland Resources Council lunch. I table that publication now. I table it just in time. The Treasurer has proven himself out of touch no matter where he is.

*Tabled paper:* Document, undated, titled ‘The Dick Daily Echo: Special Christmas Grinch Edition’ [2016](#).

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