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**MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST**

**Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment, Performance**

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (2.26 pm): It is that special time of year again where we start to put up the Christmas decorations and the family start to argue, ‘When do we begin Christmas?’ I know my teenage daughters argue that you put the Christmas tree up on 1 December or the last day of school before holidays, but what it also means is we start to turn our mind to the year that has been, what has been achieved in the year that has been and the year in review. I think it was the late Her Majesty who talked about the annus horribilis for her being back in the early nineties. I reckon this year was that year for the Treasurer. In fact, his worst ever year began about 12 months ago today. It is interesting that we talk cost of living today because when the Treasurer announced his renters tax back in December last year, he was asked by a journalist, ‘Do you feel at least a little bit bad for the people who are doing it tough in these housing affordability conditions?’ The Treasurer’s response at the time, which portrayed much of his view, was, ‘No, not at all.’ Even here again today we see the government not focused on the cost-of-living pressures that are facing Queenslanders.

Back to the Treasurer’s year that was. We started the year with the Omicron wave going across Queensland. I remember standing with businesses in Cairns as they struggled for survival with tourism operators. We saw the cost of car registration go up and the Treasurer tried to argue it was the opposite. We had ballooning land values on flooded properties in Brisbane with the Treasurer having nothing to say. We saw tenancy bonds moved from the Residential Tenancies Authority into general revenue with the Treasurer passing notes over to me to prevent me from arguing the case here in this House. When the privacy of 10,000 people was breached by SPER, what did the Treasurer say? ‘I don’t lick the stamps.’ That is what the Treasurer had to say at a time when people’s privacy had been breached on a large scale.

We had the dodgy valuation by which the Titles Registry was corporatised. The Treasurer promised in this House there would be no cuts to services. What have we seen? Over-the-counter registry documents that cannot be filed in many regional places around the state.

We then had the budget—the broken promises and the health funding that was committed, half of which beyond the forwards and only one per cent of that health funding in this financial year. Then during estimates we had example after example of waste from this government across portfolios. The Treasurer has lost complete control of the spending. Whether it be the Minister for Transport and the infrastructure blowouts, whether it be on a roller-coaster, koala spending, it does not matter; they have lost control to the tune of \$3 billion.

After that we saw the unforeseen expenditure contained in a bill that came into this House—\$2.8 billion. The Treasurer again cannot contain the wasteful spending of his colleagues and he has lost control of the budget. What did we see recently? We saw that billionaires were given taxpayer money—unknown to the taxpayer. What did this government get in return? They got advertisements across the board—newspaper upon newspaper. We still do not know how much money was given to billionaires and what the connection was between the advertisements and the money that was given.

We have heard recently that we are seventh in the country in terms of infrastructure spending—more calls on the transport minister who has lost control of the spending and lost control of delivering infrastructure in this state.

Then we saw a patients tax. GPs are already under significant pressure but now we see the Treasurer sending out the OSR to make changes to payroll tax collection regarding GP practices. Just this last week we saw there has been \$5 million in government advertising—blatant political advertising—in the five months since the budget and this week with the absence of the resources minister, who is abroad, we saw the Treasurer take over as resources minister.

This is a Treasurer who has proven himself in the last 12 months to be out of touch with the concerns of everyday Queenslanders and the cost-of-living pressures facing them. His credibility is lying in tatters. He is at war with industry. He is completely out of touch with the concerns of renters in Queensland.

**Mr Watts:** He is at war with the Premier.

**Mr JANETZKI:** He is at war with the Premier, who cut him off at the knees in relation to his renters tax when he would not listen to anybody else.

The Treasurer is out of his depth and this past year he has proven to be damaging to the Queensland economy.