



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR NANANGO**

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**MOTION**

**Federal Budget**

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (4.59 pm): What Queenslanders are telling us on this side of the House is that they want a fair share. They want a fair share from this Palaszczuk government. Those people who are flying in a helicopter over the PA Hospital but cannot land because of code yellows are the people who want a fair share. The doctors, the nurses and the people working in those hospitals want a fair share from this incompetent Palaszczuk government. When it comes to running the health system there is only one side of this House that can do that, and that is an LNP government.

That is exactly what we had to do when Anna Bligh stood up and said the health system in the state was an absolute basket case. Do honourable members remember that? Where are we again now? Right now the health system is a basket case because that is what this incompetent Labor administration have given us. The people who are sitting in ambulances waiting on the ramps want a fair share. The people who are waiting in emergency services and want to actually get fixed up deserve a fair share. Who should give them a fair share? It should be the Palaszczuk government. That is exactly who should be giving them a fair share.

I will tell honourable members another thing. When this Treasurer was the health minister he refused to fund the Heart of Australia bus. I say to those regional Queenslanders who demanded a fair share: guess who gave it to them? It was the federal Morrison government who have just given the Heart of Australia bus \$17.2 million to go to an extra 32 communities in regional Queensland: Quilpie, St George, Goondiwindi, Emerald. They get to go to those towns and provide services that this incompetent health minister and her government and the Premier refused to provide for those regional communities. They are the ones who deserve a fair share.

Those hardworking doctors and nurses who are stressed out of their brains working in those rural and regional hospitals deserve hospitals that do not flood every time it rains. That has nothing to do with the amount of rain. It actually has to do with the shoddy work, the overruns on budget. Do honourable members know the other people who deserve a fair share? It is the people who want to get mental health services in regional Queensland. They deserve a fair share. When a new hospital is built, why the heavens would they not give it more mental health services? When there is a region that has the highest suicide rate in Queensland—and I am talking about my electorate; we deserve a fair share. We deserve a government that provides health services that the people in Brisbane receive. That is who deserves a fair share. They deserve a government that works and acts for all of Queensland, not just themselves. That is who deserves a fair share.

*(Time expired)*