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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (12.36 pm): Goodness me! I am so pleased that the schoolchildren who came to Queensland parliament today have seen such a fine example of talking about absolutely nothing. The member opposite whom I follow in this debate got about one minute into her pre-prepared speech and thought, 'Hang on a minute! I know nothing about what I am talking about so I'd better attack a former LNP government. But before I do that, I'll just attack Peter Dutton.' Peter Dutton actually stands up for this state and his community, obviously unlike the member sitting over there.

Mr Langbroek interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: It is pretty obvious. It was also interesting to hear another member in this chamber talk about the cost of inaction. No better words could be spoken. What have we got after seven years of inaction? As the member for Everton said, a glossy brochure! The skills minister is well known as the most failed youth justice minister that Queensland has ever seen. We remember the debacle of child safety: tick. Youth Justice: that was messed up. Now what do we have? Skills. Goodness me! We need a minister who understands what skills are all about. The skills minister and the manufacturing minister went to the last election and said, 'We're going to set up Manufacturing Skills Queensland', but then promptly forgot about it. If the member opposite thinks that skills and the need to create jobs are the biggest issues in front of this government, what have those two been doing for the past two years?

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Direct your comments through the chair.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: What have the skills minister and the manufacturing minister been doing? They announced Manufacturing Skills Queensland and then forgot to set it up. Honestly! After seven years, two ministers have said, 'Hang on a minute! We need to actually do something about manufacturing and skills in this state. We'll announce something at the election and then we will promptly forget about it.' When the Minister for Manufacturing was asked about that at estimates—the minister well knows—he dumped it all on the skills minister. I wonder who is in the left and who is in the right? I have spoken after a member from the left. I wonder who is leaking against whom opposite. The poor manufacturing minister knows that the skills minister has completely failed Queensland.