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PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT

Integrity in Government

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (2.00 pm): We now have seen five to six weeks of integrity crisis engulfing the Palaszczuk Labor government. We have seen today in question time the dodgy deals with Anacta, Evan Moorhead and, already, the transport minister. If there is anyone who should not be interjecting about dodgy deals and integrity, it ought to be the Minister for Main Roads. Then I hear the Minister for Education interjecting as well. On Channel 9 last night when asked to announce a \$1 billion policy she said, 'Help, Sharon. Sharon. Sharon? Where are you Sharon?' The minister was trying to get her chief of staff to front the cameras to explain the billion-dollar policy. That is the level of incompetence—

Ms Grace interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Pause the clock. Sorry to interrupt, member for Kawana. I will get you to resume your seat. Member for McConnel, I will ask you to stop interjecting. I was trying to get your attention. You probably could not hear me over the speech. Next time it will be a warning.

Mr BLEIJIE: Over the past six weeks we have seen a huge integrity crisis engulfing the government. Then I see Treasurer Dick get up today and discover that he is out to Dubai. When the note went out, 'Who wants to go to Dubai?' I heard it was a race between the Deputy Premier and the Treasurer. If you were the Deputy Premier or Treasurer under the Palaszczuk government at the moment, you would want to flee the country as well, flee the state and get out of the integrity issues engulfing the Palaszczuk government. I hear that the Treasurer won that 'deal'.

On the matters of integrity, with respect to the Deputy Premier, this is the minister who dodgied up a poll asking Queenslanders what they thought about the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital name. They got rid of it based on a dodgy poll. If he is dodgy in that, he will be dodgy in a lot of other things. Talking of dodgy, Jackie Trad, the mentor of the current Deputy Premier, made the papers again. The Deputy Premier still rings her every day to ask, 'Jackie, what should I be doing?'

An opposition member interjected.

Mr BLEIJIE: I take the interjection. The Attorney-General as well. We have seen a quite bizarre and, I think, unforgiving situation where former deputy premier Jackie Trad—who still controls the Labor movement opposite, the left-wingers in the Labor Party; and the ministers control the Palaszczuk cabinet—was trying to hide a document that should be released to the public. Not only that, the Premier will not disclose how much it is costing Queensland taxpayers. She said, 'Oh, they would go online.' I can assure the people of Queensland that, when a minister wants indemnity and legal assistance, they do not go to Google; they go to the Attorney-General and the Premier to approve it. That is what has happened here: Jackie Trad is getting that.

If the CCC have prepared a report into Jackie Trad and the Frankie Carroll appointment, they should write to the PCCC and ask for their report to be tabled. Under their legislation, the CCC can write to the PCCC. I hope the CCC will do that. Only then will it shine a light on this dodgy, dark government we have in Queensland.