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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.15 pm): May I thank my colleagues for electing me as Deputy Leader of the Opposition. I look forward to taking it up to the government.

Mr Mander: Unanimously.

Mr BLEIJIE: I take the interjection from the member for Everton—unanimously electing me as deputy leader. I thank David Janetzki, our former deputy leader. I look forward to the challenges ahead as we take the fight up to the government in terms of accountability.

I just listened to the Deputy Premier. I wonder why the Deputy Premier does not want to talk about integrity this week. They want to talk about anything but integrity, but guess what? To talk about integrity you have to have integrity. They have none of it—absolutely none of it. The Deputy Premier paraded around for 12 months when he was first elected making out that he was a doctor of medical practice. That was until we all found out he was a doctor of union encouragement and membership—which I add is declining across Australia. He has a thesis in why union membership is declining. I will tell him why union membership is declining. It is because the left wing socialists in the Labor Party are driving workers away from the Labor Party. That is what is happening. They do not like their type of politics. In order to talk integrity you have to have a little bit of it. None of them over there have it—absolutely none of it.

Talking of a lack of integrity, what more could they do to this poor woman—the Integrity Commissioner? How much more could they put on her? Imagine the pressure she is under—a whistleblower. Labor members would stand in here ordinarily and defend a woman who has alleged bullying in the Public Service. Instead of defending her—

Mr Mander: The sisterhood has gone silent.

Mr BLEIJIE: I take the interjection. The sisterhood is silent. Where is Emily's List? Where are the Labor women? Where is the member for Pine Rivers defending a woman in the Public Service? The member for Pine Rivers sits silently as the Premier cannot defend the Integrity Commissioner. It is an absolute disgrace. Not one of them stood up for the Integrity Commissioner. It is a disgrace. Why? The Labor Party only defend some women but not other women. That is disgraceful. It is not a matter of he-said, she-said, like the Premier said. A whistleblower has alleged serious bullying and this government and this Premier does not take it seriously.

Talking about taking things seriously, we had Treasurer Cameron Dick facebooking about the floods in his area. Do his constituents know that he was nowhere to be seen? He was in Dubai sipping champagne. He was nowhere near the floods. He faked all these Facebook posts to make out he was amongst the flood victims. He was not. Not only was he not there; he chose to stay in Dubai when Queenslanders were in their hour of need. A leader would have got on the first plane back from Dubai.

As he was posting photographs on his Facebook account about his electorate in Logan having suffered the worst flood in 40 years, let us look at what he was actually doing. Here he was living it up with a stuffed koala in Dubai.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order! Member, you will table those or you will put them down.

Mr BLEIJIE: Absolutely. I will table one from Trade and Investment Queensland which shows the Treasurer with a big, happy grin on his face, smiling in Dubai as his community was flooding and suffering the worst floods in 40 years.

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Did he come home after seeing the photographs and after his office posted photographs? No, he stayed there. Do members know what he did after that? He dressed up. He got in a suit. I table a copy of that.

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Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Member, I asked you not to use those as a prop and you have continued to do that.

Mr BLEIJIE: I apologise, Mr Deputy Speaker. He is casually promoting himself in all of those selfies. He did not post those on his personal Facebook though. He did not post those on his MP page. They were on Trade and Investment Queensland. I wonder how long they are going to last on Trade and Investment Queensland. That is why I tabled them because in a minute he will be downstairs saying, 'Get it off! Get it off! Get it off Trade and Investment!' That is what he will be doing because this is the Treasurer who walks out of the Binna Burra forest with a shiny bell. He spent more time shining the bell than carrying the bell out of the forest for that photo. There was not a skerrick of burnt dust on his shoes. What a fake! What a fraud! This is the government we are dealing with. Queenslanders expect better. The Integrity Commissioner deserves and expects better and we are going to hold them to account.