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MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

**Member for Capalaba, Flyers; Palaszczuk Labor Government, Accountability;
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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.16 pm): I want to talk today about pot kettle black as far as it relates to the member for Capalaba—the most litigious member of this parliament—with respect to electoral expenditure, dobbing on members of parliament, fighting with his regional council—other than the member for Kawana, of course, because it is deserved. During the federal election campaign the member for Capalaba sent out flyers which I will table.

Tabled paper: Bundle of photographs of flyers relating to political material for federal election [695](#).

They were anti-Morrison government flyers. You would expect it from him because he is a fighter, but they were authorised by the member for Capalaba's electorate office address. He was spending his taxpayers' money, his electorate allowance, on dodgy political flyers despite the fact the Clerk of the Parliament sent out an email to all members on 25 March. I table a copy of an email from the Clerk.

Tabled paper: Email, dated 22 April 2022, from the Clerk of the Parliament, Mr Neil Laurie, to members and staff of the Queensland Parliament, regarding the use of resources for purposes associated with elections (including federal elections) [697](#).

He then had to send out a further reminder on 22 April after that flyer hit the letterboxes. I also table a copy of a complaint that the Manager of Opposition Business made to the Clerk and the Clerk's response, which I will read into Hansard.

Tabled paper: Bundle of emails between the member for Glass House, Mr Andrew Powell MP, and the Clerk of the Parliament, Mr Neil Laurie, regarding the use of resources for purposes associated with elections (including federal elections) [696](#).

The Clerk says—

I have actioned this matter.

As you are aware, the ... Allowance and other resources cannot be used for electioneering ...

It is my view that attached flyer is clearly electioneering material.

He has breached what he has complained about for the whole entire time he has been in this parliament. I say to the member for Capalaba: pay back the money! How much did it cost the taxpayers of Capalaba? Pay it back and apologise for using his constituents' electorate allowance for election purposes.

I just came from a public meeting of the PCCC. I went to the last public meeting of the PCCC. I asked the chairman to tell the committee how much the CCC has spent on legal fees in relation to the Jackie Trad matter before the court. The CCC responded to the PCCC. We moved a motion today that the letter in which he says how much the CCC has spent on this matter be publically available. Guess what? The Labor members opposed the motion.

This Premier was elected in 2015. She looked down the barrel of the camera and said she believes in accountability, transparency and integrity. In a public meeting the four Labor members voted not to allow the people of Queensland see how much money they are spending to defend a report that Jackie Trad is trying to keep secret and continues to keep secret. It shows that Jackie Trad is still the puppetmaster of so many members over there.

If the Premier believes in transparency and accountability, then let the public know and release the figures that were just shown. I could not believe that Labor members voted against the transparency, when the CCC themselves were happy for it to be publicly released. They provided the letter and said, 'We will redact this part, but we are happy for the rest of it to be released,' but Labor members continue the protection racket of Jackie Trad.

I also say today that there has been a complete botch-up of the influenza vaccine rollout, as I have just seen in the *Courier-Mail*. I have received correspondence from GPs across South-East Queensland and across all of Queensland. They did not know about it. Their phones ran off the hook yesterday, with receptionists and GP managers answering phone calls where callers said, 'We want to book in for our free flu vaccine.' They then had to say, 'It's free for those over 65 and those with illnesses, but otherwise it's \$23.' The government announced it before telling the very people who are going to inject the influenza vaccine. What a botch-up. Those opposite want to talk and lecture people about botched-up vaccine rollouts. I say to the Labor government that they only need look in the mirror. What a process! Also, there are doctors who have private supplies they paid for which they cannot use under the public system. Are they going to be reimbursed for their expenditure? They absolutely should be.

I conclude on this before I run out of voice. I saw Labor members today happy to have an Albo Prime Minister, but they were all looking down. If we look across the room and at the Labor vote, the member for McConnel is gone and the member for Miller is gone. The Greens wave is coming across all of these seats. Goneski! Let it come. It cannot come soon enough.

(Time expired)