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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.15 pm): It is this time of the year, midterm through the Palaszczuk government, and you can see the jitters starting to happen. I would say, as they say in the show, roll on up, roll on up because what a show it is! There is so much fighting, there is so much 'kapow!' kung-fu over there, Jackie Chan would be proud if this was a movie. Absolutely! It is a movie—

An opposition member: Wrong Jackie!

Mr BLEIJIE: Jackie Trad would be loving it, too, I have to say. It would be the Chan and Trad Show! Absolutely! We have the infighting absolutely happening over there; the movie is being created. Look at the actors we have in it. Seriously!

We ask the question first: who is producing this dysfunctional movie over there? The producer, of course, is the PNN, the Palaszczuk News Network. Who is the director? Incidentally, they are in the chamber today. We have the two ministers sitting over there, the Minister for Energy and the Minister for Transport and Main Roads. They are wondering what role they will play in this movie of dysfunction. They are certainly the directors. Look at the actors we have: Treasurer Dick, Premier Palaszczuk herself, health minister D'Ath, Minister Butcher is playing a big role in it, and who could forget the main actor, the Chief Government Whip, Mr Don Brown! As I said, we have supporting actors here. The 'member for mango' could play a big part in this movie as an extra.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Pause the clock. Use correct parliamentary titles. I ask you to withdraw.

Mr BLEIJIE: I withdraw. What dysfunction we have here. Let's look at it. The Premier and the Treasurer are completely at odds; they cannot talk to each other. She said last week, 'I am getting rid of this tax.' The Treasurer's office had a statement ready to go saying, 'It was her, but I stand by everything I said.' Then the Premier was asked about it in Canberra and she said, 'No, it was him. He decided a month ago.' Two days later, the Treasurer's office backgrounded a journo and said, 'No, nothing to do with her. That meeting did not take place yesterday; that was a month ago. It is the Premier's fault.' They are a dysfunctional rabble. How can Queenslanders expect the government to govern in the interests of Queenslanders when they cannot govern themselves?

Then on top of the fight between the Treasurer and the Premier, when of course they are in the same faction, you have the chief whip at odds with the health minister putting out statements—and I table a statement from the Chief Government Whip—where he talks about his local health board which he had a role in appointing being completely sacked.

Tabled paper: Media release, dated 5 October 2022, by the member for Capalaba, Mr Don Brown MP, regarding the Board of Metro South Health [1636](#).

That afternoon, the health minister put out a statement saying, 'No, I disagree with the Chief Government Whip; they are not being sacked.' He then gets up and does a media conference saying, 'I disagree with the Health Minister. They should be sacked.' You would think the show would be reaching its finale. It is not! Add Minister Butcher, the member for Gladstone, who said, 'I will resign my ministerial portfolio if maternity services are not brought back to my local hospital.' Guess what, champ, they were taken away months ago! Where has the member for Gladstone been? He is a minister who sits around the cabinet table and he agreed with it. Where has he been? What an absolute comic show this government is, and they expect Queenslanders to take them seriously!

Possible titles of this movie are running through my mind. With the health minister, Yvette D'Ath, we could call it 'The Expendables', but then she is protected so it could be called 'The Protector'. Other titles such as 'Dumb and Dumber' come to mind. There is also 'The Weakest Link', which could apply to anyone on that side of the chamber. Of course, there is the chief whip, who should have resigned. He is the chief whip in charge of government discipline and he is the most undisciplined out of the government members. So, of course, the movie could be called 'The Untouchables' because the Chief Government Whip is obviously untouchable.

An opposition member interjected.

Mr BLEIJIE: I take the interjection, the left faction is fighting the left faction. This morning the supporting actor, the member for Miller, talked about a show. He said, 'Get out the popcorn.' If we are talking about popcorn I have a show in town of my own, the 'Palaszczuk News Network'.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order! Pause the clock. Member, I am going to warn you. You know about using props. This has been brought to your attention on multiple occasions, so you are warned under the standing orders. If there is any further disorderly conduct I will cease your contribution.

Mr BLEIJIE: If the member for Miller wants to lecture anyone about popcorn, this is the best show in town. If he wants to Netflix binge, I suggest he get on to the 'Palaszczuk Government Rabble' screening on Netflix and any other movie network around the world. It is the best show in town. I would rather watch that than *The Crown* on Netflix and that is saying something, as my honourable colleagues would know. What a dysfunctional rabble! This government does not deserve to be in government. They are a shameful mob. They are a shameful wreck.

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