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PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT

CFMEU, Labor Party Donations

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.13 pm): Just over six weeks ago the CFMEU stormed the TMR building in Queensland. There were no repercussions for the CFMEU—the biggest donors to the Labor Party in Queensland who fund the Labor government in this state. On 24 August the CFMEU stormed the building, putting public servants at risk. They put public servants at risk and staff members had to hide in cupboards!

The Premier, who through her government has accepted over \$400,000 in donations from the CFMEU, said, 'We will wait to see the end of the police investigation.' Guess what? It is finished. Has the \$400,000 been paid back from the Labor Party to the CFMEU or given to an anti-bullying charity? No. Actions speak louder than words. There will be no actions this Premier will follow through with because we know they are owned lock, stock and barrel and do the bidding of the CFMEU in Queensland. Now that the police investigation is finished, I call on the Labor Party to honour the commitment the Premier gave, show leadership and give the money back to the CFMEU or, better still, give the money to an anti-bullying charity in Queensland.

While we are on the subject of the Labor Party being misleading, the Deputy Premier stood up this morning with this big 'gotcha' moment. He thought he had a big 'gotcha'. It shows how they change the story because the story the Deputy Premier stood up and told this morning was different to what we have just heard from the Attorney-General. It shows they are happy to mislead parliament and not get their own story straight because they speak mistruths.

The Deputy Premier stood up this morning and he said, 'I've got them. The deputy leader went to this big penthouse—Nineteen—on the Gold Coast for a big fundraiser.' Nineteen is a restaurant at the Gold Coast. It is not a penthouse as the Deputy Premier would have people believe. It is a public restaurant! This big secret dinner or lunch, or whatever he is referring to, is at a public restaurant on the Gold Coast.

Are they saying we should not support the hospitality industry? If that is the case then the Premier should not have gone to the Star for the Restaurant and Catering Industry Association awards. Minister Hinchliffe should not have gone to the Star down the road for their annual Brisbane catch-up. They are doing it. The fact is that they have corrupted the political system.

The Liberal National Party need to fundraise and we will fundraise. Do you know why, Mr Deputy Speaker? Businesspeople want to change the government in the state. Businesspeople are sick and tired of the corruption at the state level. So we have to have fundraisers to ensure the business community can change this government. We do not have the backing of the union. It just shows that they will mislead and lie in this place as much as they can—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order! The member's time has expired.

Mr BLEIJIE:—to get a political shot. They are telling mistruths.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Member for Kawana, I think you are the second or the third speaker this afternoon who has deliberately gone beyond time when I have directed that time has expired. I give a general warning to members that if I am directing that time has expired and you continue on I will be warning.