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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (5.10 pm): Here is a lesson for the Treasurer of the state. I guarantee him this: when patients have concerns about the hospital crisis and the health crisis in Queensland, when Queenslanders are ramped at numerous hospital ramps in ambulances, they are not going to the health minister for advice. They are going to 'Nurse Bates' for advice. They are going to the member for Mudgeeraba, the shadow health minister—

Mr SPEAKER: Correct titles will be used.

Mr BLEIJIE: They are going to the shadow health minister for advice on how to fix the health crisis. They are not going to the state Labor health minister because they know the state Labor health minister is a failure. The state Labor health minister has shown that she does not have the capacity to fix any of these issues.

On a vote of no confidence against a minister, usually you would just express confidence in your comrade. That is what they would ordinarily do. They would say that it is a rubbish motion and then express confidence in their comrade in the Labor Party. They could not even bring themselves to do that, so they have to amend the motion and talk about what is happening in the future with this health minister. They did not even congratulate her on her record or thank her for her record in the last couple of years. The Treasurer talked about the shadow health minister for five minutes like she was the minister. Mr Speaker, I ask: Why could the Treasurer not bring himself to utter the words, 'I support health minister D'Ath in this House'? He could not, because as the Treasurer knows, and as we know, it is time for the health minister to move on.

I know why she jumped on a cruise and sailed away in the middle of the health crisis. I know why parliament times were changed. It is so this health minister could sail away and get away from it. She got away from the health crisis. The speakers list tonight is telling, and I table a copy of the speakers list for this debate.

Tabled paper: Document, undated, speaking list titled 'Private members motion' [1871](#).

We have the Treasurer and the members for Thuringowa, Keppel, Bulimba, Bundaberg and Sandgate. They are the backers of the health minister. Where is the assistant health minister? The deputy health minister cannot even bring herself to be put on the speaking list and back your boss—

Mr SPEAKER: Through the chair, member for Kawana.

Mr BLEIJIE: The assistant minister cannot bring herself to back her boss, the health minister, in this House. That is telling. I would say that this health minister we have in Queensland, with her record, is the worst health minister we have had. Wendy Edmond has got nothing on this minister. Gordon Nuttall—

An opposition member: Steven Miles.

Mr BLEIJIE: Steven Miles. Stephen Robertson.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Member for Kawana, regardless of whether you were taking an interjection, people's correct titles will be used in this House and not their names.

Mr BLEIJIE: As I said yesterday, the Deputy Premier left the health department and gave a hospital pass to the health minister. It is very telling that the senior ministers and not even the Premier—not even the person who appointed the member for Redcliffe as the health minister—can stand in this House and back her health minister in her cabinet. It is the Premier's cabinet. This is a vote of no confidence in the health minister, and the Premier cannot even bring herself to back it. Do you know why, Mr Speaker? They do not want support for the health minister on the record because we all know what is going to happen. There is going to be a reshuffle and the health minister is going. That is why she did a little pre-brief on the Melbourne Cup cruise just to see what life is like on the high seas—

An opposition member interjected.

Mr BLEIJIE: I take the interjection. Just like the psychic mayor who just got elected in Whitsunday—

Mr Mander interjected.

Mr BLEIJIE:—the health minister must have known that Golden Trip was going to win the Melbourne Cup so she jumped on Golden Trip for a golden ticket out of Queensland. I take the interjection from the member for Everton. The reality is that this government has lost confidence in its health minister—otherwise, it just would have voted against this motion—and so they should, because Queenslanders have lost confidence in this health minister. We only have to look at all of the issues in the health crisis. It is no wonder the Labor Party backbenchers are leaking against this health minister in droves.

(Time expired)