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INTEGRITY AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

PUBLIC SECTOR BILL

 **Mrs GERBER** (Currumbin—LNP) (3.34 pm): Here we are today debating an integrity bill when we have a Palaszczuk Labor government that is the worst government for integrity in my lifetime that I can think of. These bills are critically important and here we are having them cognated so we do not even have time to debate them. They propose to repeal and replace the Public Service Act following one of the most critical reports done in this state—that being Professor Coaldrake’s report *Let the sunshine in: review of culture and accountability in the Queensland public sector*. Both of these bills stem from the Coaldrake report, but never has it been more evident that this government does not want to let the sunshine in. The very fact that we are forced to debate these bills cognately with a guillotine time frame completely reduces the scrutiny that members can provide to these bills. For me, it completely illustrates the fact that this state government wants to do everything but let the sunshine in.

Let me turn to the Public Sector Bill. The independent review of the public sector employment laws by Mr Peter Bridgman—the report is called *A fair and responsive Public Service for all*—was commissioned four years ago. That is right; it has taken four years for this state government to do anything about it and only now are we debating it. It is not just this delay that shows the state government do not care about integrity; it is everything that has led up to this. This state government do not care about integrity and they do not care about letting the sunshine in. I think it is incumbent upon us in opposition to stand up and make sure the government are held to account for the fact that they do not care about integrity, and their track record shows it and it shows it in spades. I think Queenslanders deserve a whole heap better than what they are getting right now under this Palaszczuk Labor government.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Hart): Under the provisions of the business program agreed to by the House earlier this week, I now call the minister to reply to the second reading debate.