




Speech By
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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (10.32 am): Unlike the Morrison-Joyce government, the Palaszczuk Labor government is delivering for Queensland. Last night's budget was proof that the Morrison-Joyce government does not care about Queensland. They are all about the announcement, not about the delivery.

Scott Morrison and Barnaby Joyce tried to hide the detail of their budget from Queensland and other jurisdictions by not sending the traditional budget breakdowns during the budget speech last night showing the detail of the spending and when, as has been done at previous budgets for decades. It took transport ministers across the nation, across jurisdictions, publicly naming and shaming the Morrison government before a copy was finally released late last night to Transport and Main Roads Queensland and other states and territories.

These desperate attempts to hide the budget details speak volumes about what an incompetent and dishonest government Scott Morrison leads. It is very interesting reading.

Mr Minnikin interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order, member for Chatsworth!

Mr BAILEY: Why hide the detail? Was it that only \$446 million of the \$3.3 billion announced for Queensland is allocated in the next four years? That is less than a sixth of the funding allocated for Queensland over the next four years—less than a sixth! Take the so-called \$1.6 billion promised for the Sunshine Coast rail extension, for example. Less than \$50 million would be spent before the 2025 federal election while most of the funding is in the never-never.

Yesterday, the Sunshine Coast MP Andrew Wallace suggested on ABC Sunshine Coast radio that the costings were based on the Kuraby to Beenleigh project. Yet Ted O'Brien, the member for Fairfax, said they were based on the North Coast Connect study. They cannot both be right. The Sunshine Coast MPs really should rehearse before they start trotting out different stories about what their costings are based on. CAMCOS? It is more like 'SCAMCOS'. These two experienced MPs have been caught cold with conflicting stories about where their so-called costings have come from. They are pure inventions designed for them to try to hold on to their safe seats where they have not delivered for the Sunshine Coast.

The Palaszczuk government requested \$617 million for the Bruce Highway. For the first time in many years, the federal government has not committed any new construction funding for the Bruce Highway. We also requested an extra \$280 million per year for road maintenance. This funding makes sure that Queensland roads are safe and built to standard as the largest road network in the nation.

Mr Minnikin interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: The member for Chatsworth will cease his interjections.

Mr BAILEY: Again, last night Scott Morrison and Barnaby Joyce did not deliver for Queensland. Queensland got zero per cent of what we requested. Scotty from marketing is all advertising and no product. The Palaszczuk Labor government is a government that listens and delivers projects for Queensland. We are getting on with record road and rail investments. We just want our fair share.

Mr Minnikin interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Chatsworth, you are warned under the standing orders.

Mr BAILEY: While I am on my feet, earlier today as I was acknowledging Commonwealth funding for the Palaszczuk government's Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail project, I said that the government had a 'detailed design that is ready to go', inadvertently leaving out the word 'almost' before the word 'ready'. To correct the record, I inform the House that the Department of Transport and Main Roads is now finalising the detailed design for Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail.