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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (2.23 pm): Earlier we saw another example of the lack of integrity from those opposite, particularly the member for Kawana. What we consistently see is a partial political projection from the Leader of the Opposition and the member for Kawana in press conferences and in this chamber that is designed to mislead, designed not to tell the truth, and often to tell not the whole truth. To suggest that a work event involving the minister for tourism and the Premier is somehow akin to a cash-for-access exercise—which the opposition is indulging in in terms of Star casino—is not an honest rendition of what is going on and is misleading. This is the kind of verballing we see from the Leader of the Opposition and the member for Kawana, the ‘little Newmans’ over there, who adored the previous government. They have never apologised for them. They have the same kind of style. We see that this is how they go about things.

The Attorney-General has written to the Leader of the Opposition and asked for his commitment to meet the government’s commitment about banning cash for access, and what have we got? Absolute silence. There has been no response from the Leader of the Opposition. He talks big on integrity but he does not act on it. He does not live it. He is good at positioning, like he was previously as a journalist and career politician, but he never practices it. We saw see this with the laptop affair. For four or five months he consistently said there were raids, there were seizures, there were goons, yet when it was investigated by the CCC the independent watchdog said it was a mischaracterisation. It was as close to a mistruth—or the other word they possibly could have said. What did he say? Did he apologise for misleading? Did he apologise and show some ticker, show some honesty, and say ‘I got it wrong’? No. He ducked the media and he said nothing. He continues to say nothing. There is no integrity in that kind of approach.

In press conferences this year he consistently alleges things that are not true; for example, that RTI officers were part of ministerial offices when they are not. Today in question time we heard allegations that waiting times were blown out, when in fact they were ordinary hospital transfers. That is what the truth is. They were caught out again today not telling the truth. This is when we see the Newman style of behaviour: trying to mislead, deliberately try to mount a case without having the facts. The member for Kawana recently said that we are on track to have the worst road toll in a generation. That is such a palpable mistruth. I do not want to use the other word because I want to stay within the rules. It is that kind of misleading of the public that is consistent with the opposition. They keep doing it and we will keep calling it out.

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