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STATE PENALTIES ENFORCEMENT (MODERNISATION) AMENDMENT BILL

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (12.55 pm): I rise to make a contribution to the Economics and Governance Committee's report on the State Penalties Enforcement (Modernisation) Amendment Bill 2022 and to the bill itself. I mention the report because it was interesting to review, as I was looking through all of the Hansard reporting of the questioning of witnesses, some of the tactics used by, in particular, the member for Logan as the chair of the committee. Indeed, almost all of the time that he spent questioning witnesses he spent asking them about the risk. He was not worried about the reward aspect of it. He was always talking about the short-term risk and not the long-term risk reward scenario.

Mr Dick: That's not what I heard.

Mr CRANDON: I do not have time to quote all of the matters concerning the chair of the committee, but one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine times he brought up the short-term risk and not the risk reward ratio or the long-term risk. I make that point before I turn to the bill.

I was asking myself all the way through the hearings and turned my mind to this question: what is their game? What is the Treasurer's game? What is he getting out of this billion dollars that is sitting on the balance sheet? Where is the deal? Where does he get the return or reward? I realised that they know a good deal when they see one. They have a billion dollars in the coffers that they can invest for the long term. This is a trust. This is a billion dollars that will continue to grow as rents increase. The rental bond fund will continue to grow. They have a billion-plus dollars sitting there now.

Do not worry about what the Queensland Investment Corporation would necessarily do with the funds such as invest them in private equity et cetera and the much bigger returns that QIC aim for, let us just look at what we would get if we were in QSuper. QSuper returns in a balanced fund were 8.04 per cent over the last 10 years. What does it cost to run the RTA—the whole shooting match? I think it is around \$40 million. Some 8.04 per cent of \$1 billion equates to more than \$80 million of return in a balanced fund in QSuper. If we look at the short term, the return for one year was 3.3 per cent, for three years was 5.37 per cent and for five years was 6.37 per cent. Let us remember that we were smack bang in the middle of a pandemic during that period. The 10-year return was 8.04 per cent.

I put it to members that what the deal is here and what they want is to take the opportunity away from the RTA to take those long-term returns, those forever returns, and use them to benefit renters in Queensland—over and above the \$40 million that it is costing to run the show—or indeed, God forbid, pay the interest back to those people who have their \$800, \$1,200 or \$1,500 bond in the fund. Instead of that, they get to keep everything over and above what it costs them to run the fund.

I will leave my contribution there. That is the game this Treasurer is playing. He wants all of the returns from the billion dollars and the ever-growing billion dollars—it will be \$2 billion one day and so it will go on—and he will give them a peppercorn amount to run their operations. He will not give them the opportunity to do anything more than that.