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## ADJOURNMENT

### Palaszczuk Labor Government, Integrity

 **Mr HART** (Burleigh—LNP) (7.04 pm): The integrity crisis has come knocking on the Premier's door, and with it there is a lingering stench of corruption. Let alone the Premier's bizarre media comments yesterday regarding the Integrity Commissioner, the Premier still has not fully explained what role she had in the smelly mangocube affair. The CCC confirmed the Premier had at least two private email accounts. Remember she told estimates that she conveniently forgot about one of those accounts and had to correct the record.

The Premier said that she got legal advice from Labor barrister Kerri Mellifont QC, the wife of the Labor member for Toohey, who apparently told her she is not legally obliged to release those emails. The Premier's office even refused to say who engaged Mellifont, who paid for her advice and how much it was. Of course legal advice cannot be RTIed. That is convenient, isn't it! Where is Kerri Mellifont now? She has been promoted.

The Premier's refusal to release the emails puts her under a cloud of suspicion. I am told that one of those emails was used to have discussions with her sister, a senior public servant. Let us see what that is all about. The Premier's refusal to release the legal advice puts her under a cloud of suspicion. The Premier's failure to release the State Archivist's report to the CCC puts her under a cloud of suspicion. Remember the Premier said that she would release the State Archivist's report that went to the CCC. She has not done that. Other reports have been released, but not that one. Let us see it. It is reasonable to ask her today to release all of these things. The Premier insists she has done nothing wrong. Let her prove it.

The Premier's stubbornness to come clean raises suspicion that she has something to hide. The Premier's support of continual attacks on the Integrity Commissioner reeks of payback. What else will they do to this poor woman? During the last sitting I said that Rob Setter was appearing to me to be a Labor scapegoat. Clearly, Mr Setter is aiding and abetting that concept by what he said yesterday, but remember his contract has been extended for two years, so he is on an extra \$1.2 million when he eventually goes. Watch this space.

It is straight out of the Labor playbook: first, you blame somebody else; second, you instigate a rigged inquiry; third, you shoot the messenger; and, fourth, you provide a scapegoat. I wonder which ministers might be the scapegoat in all of this? Will it be Minister de Brenni? Will he be the scapegoat? Will it be Minister Bailey? Maybe he will be the scapegoat.

**Mr Stevens:** Maybe there are two goats together!

**Mr HART:** Maybe there will be multiple goats. I take that interjection. Maybe it will be Minister Enoch. Maybe she will be the scapegoat here. Somebody is going to be the scapegoat for sure.