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 **Mr MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (5.50 pm): Many of us on this side would know that famous saying by Kerry Packer: ‘You only get one Alan Bond in your lifetime.’ On this side of the chamber, we only get one Minister Mark Bailey. I am going to conduct a bit of a straw poll with my team about option A and option B. When we look at the CAMCOS corridor we find that it has existed since 1999. The recently appointed Deputy Leader of the Opposition very eloquently referred to the document which I am also going to refer to. It is the plan for connecting South-East Queensland in 2031. The fifth paragraph states—

Rail remains the backbone of the future transport network with its ability to efficiently move large numbers of people. The rail network will be expanded into and including Maroochydore.

That is from the now Premier. When she was the transport minister back in 2011 she had a great track record. On her watch, for three consecutive years the now Premier increased public transport fares by 15 per cent year on year. I put to my colleagues: would she be option B or option A? I will take my riding instructions from my colleagues.

This is simply another example of a minister who gets up—and he did it again this morning—with a spreadsheet with pretty tabs, some pretty little green highlights and whatnot but all he is merely doing is masking what he, the member for Miller, the transport minister, does every single time we have a budget. The QTRIP document is a lay-by document. He puts a dollar down and then shuffles it across over the forward estimates.

In my remaining 2½ minutes, I am going to go through some of Minister Bailey’s budget blow-outs and failures. Let us look at the Beerburum to Nambour rail duplication.

Mr BAILEY: I rise to a point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker. As fascinating as a historical treatise on other issues this might be, this is a motion specific to an issue around the Sunshine Coast rail announcement. He is now going on about a whole lot of other topics. He is really going off both the motion and the amendment to the motion.

Mr Bleijie interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Member for Kawana, you are on a warning. I have given advice to the House previously that I will hear points of order in silence. There is no point of order. I have granted some latitude around this debate tonight and I will continue to do that.

Mr MINNIKIN: My advice to the incompetent, failed Minister for Transport is: take the \$1.6 billion while you have the chance. When it comes to managerial responsibility in his portfolio, he is absolutely missing in action. I will continue to highlight the failures under this incompetent member. Remember that this is the member who was called ‘foolish’ by the CCC. This is the member who we now know in relation to the email trail does receive riding instructions from formerly the ETU. If we have a look, while

he is trying to hold off being the transport minister, there is a \$500 million project go-slow for the Beerburum to Nambour rail duplication. Some \$10½ million was underspent last year. In fact, that underspend has reduced by another \$32 million.

I turn to Cross River Rail. The minister wants to talk about business cases. Let us talk about the business case of the former member for South Brisbane who said, 'No. Forget about the discount rate. That is all too hard. We are going to simply do it on our own.' With some creative rail track realignments in relation to train stations we have the poor, unfortunate member for Miller who has inherited that big mess. It has gone from three years ago on page 14 of the SDS being a \$5.4 billion project to miraculously about 10 months ago popping up on about page 16 of the SDS as a \$6.888 billion project and rising. We have had about a \$2 billion blowout on this signature project that this minister is meant to have carriage of.

Is it any wonder that the people of the Sunshine Coast feel short-changed. Is it any wonder that the people of the Gold Coast feel short-changed. We have two projects on the Gold Coast alone. Here is where, if the minister were on top of his brief, he could fund, or at least close to, \$1 billion out of the \$1.6 billion tip in. I will give the minister some guidance here. One of those projects is Gold Coast Light Rail stage 3A—a \$300 million blowout. Then we have—wait for it—the second M1 and a \$600 million blowout. There is \$900 million of the \$1.6 billion. This minister is more fixated on emails and theatrics than doing his job.