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 **Ms CAMM** (Whitsunday—LNP) (4.31 pm): I would like to remind those opposite that last time I checked we were in the Queensland state parliament, not the Brisbane City Council chambers. What I am shocked at is that we have not seen a motion from this government about their disappointment in the Labor government's cuts to infrastructure projects across this state—the road infrastructure projects that have been cut in every electorate.

In Queensland, from July 2021 to October 2023, 1,040 new child safety officers were appointed. One in three of these frontline workers have left the department. Those opposite are too concerned about decades past instead of looking at the future. Public servants are so disgusted in the government that leads this state that they are leaving in droves. It is not the opposition saying this. The CEO of PeakCare states—

In Queensland, the substantial turnover of critical frontline child safety officers and high vacancy rates in regional areas can often mean significant inconsistency and the disruption of relationships for children in care, their family carers and non-government organisations who are there to support them.

What this government does through its chaos, through its crisis, through its self-interest, through the fact it has checked out, through its disempowerment of the Public Service is risk lives—lives of our most vulnerable, lives of children and lives of women. Domestic violence services report to me that their minister cannot even make approvals for funding on time. In Ipswich, the service had to make a counsellor redundant. When we have not-for-profit services—

Ms Boyd interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order, member for Pine Rivers!

Ms CAMM: The domestic violence sector have had to make staff redundant. That is appalling and it is shameful. In the last sitting week we have seen a reduced time frame for debate on what is very important legislation—important legislation that impacts and affects every member of this House, no matter what political party you are aligned to. Every member here needs to be reminded of the chair that they sit in and their oath. Each one of us represents victims of crime in every electorate in this state. The debate will be guillotined over the next 12 hours so that we will not get to stand up and speak on behalf of our community. Do you know what? Queenslanders are noticing, and they will show Labor the door in 2024.