




Speech By
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MOTION

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 **Mr HEAD** (Callide—LNP) (3.04 pm): I will certainly get up to talk about a bit of history and the health record of the Queensland government. The Moura aged-care extension was announced by the Palaszczuk Labor government about four years ago. To date, there has not been a dollar spent on the construction of that facility. What is the health minister doing about that? The community of Moura is a big coalmining and union town. It underpins the Queensland economy and pays a lot in taxes. Instead of building that aged-care extension and making it happen like they said they would four years ago, the minister is in here moving motions about a government that is nearly 10 years in the past. They are so focused on the past that they are failing Queenslanders every single day. They are failing to deliver services and they are failing to deliver maternity services in Callide. I do not have one maternity ward in Callide because of the failures of the Palaszczuk Labor government.

What else has the health minister been doing instead of her job? She has been writing up motions instead of doing her job. The community of Gin Gin is being neglected. The community of Gin Gin came to me because there was a doctor there who wanted to stay in that community. What did the health minister do when I wrote to her several weeks ago? She did not do anything. That doctor has packed up, left town and gone to greener pastures. I do not blame that doctor for packing up and leaving, because this government has neglected him. He had very reasonable requests, but they could not get him a contract so he packed up and left. This government is all about announcements. What else should the health minister be doing? I would certainly encourage the health minister to be honest with communities. The community of Biloela deserves better health facilities. It deserves a maternity ward. Several weeks ago I asked a question on notice about the state of the hospital's theatre, because the government is hiding something from the community of Biloela.

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