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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Cost of Living**

 **Mr PURDIE** (Ninderry—LNP) (7.37 pm): Queensland is the capital of the cost-of-living crisis. Recent quarterly inflation data has revealed that Queenslanders are paying the highest price increases: rent, up 9.5 per cent; health costs, up seven per cent; transport, up 6.4 per cent; private vehicle costs, including registration, up 6.4 per cent; and community sport, up over 10 per cent for Queenslanders. There are two key points about these statistics that make them an indictment on the Palaszczuk Labor government. All of the above are areas of state government responsibility, and all of the above are the biggest increases in the nation.

While Queensland is the capital of the cost-of-living crisis, the Palaszczuk government is unwilling or unable to provide relief for Queensland families. Like a deer in the headlights, frozen into inaction, we found out today that the best response they can muster is to admire the problem. Today we learnt that the Palaszczuk Labor government is spending Queenslanders' money on secret polling to tell them what we on this side already know—Labor's priorities are wrong. Labor's failure to manage their budget, failure to maintain assets, failure to deliver critical services and failure to deliver projects on budget has fuelled the escalated cost-of-living crisis for Queenslanders.

While Palaszczuk polls, Queenslanders make heartbreaking decisions about housing, feeding, clothing and caring for their families. Every Labor failure heaps more pressure on family budgets. The more youth crime we have, the more premiums go up. The more wasteful spending, the more government fees and charges go up. The more cost blowouts you have on infrastructure, according to the IMF, the more inflation surges. Every dollar an incompetent Labor minister wastes is a dollar that cannot go to a Queenslanders to help them through this crisis. Labor's chaos and crisis is leaving Queensland families with difficult decisions to make around the kitchen table.

Queenslanders are now faced with the impossible choice between paying their rent and feeding their family. Queensland families can only tighten their belts so many notches before they cannot bear the pain anymore. Sadly, many Queenslanders are already there. Charities and support services are reporting unprecedented demand, and it is being driven by people who have never previously had to rely on them. Services are providing staples like food and housing. The most basic dignities of Queenslanders are being threatened.

As the capital of the cost-of-living crisis, we need more than hand-wringing and press releases; we need policies that will drive down prices and put money back in the pockets of Queenslanders, their families and their businesses. Queenslanders are tired of this lazy, third-term Labor government using them as an ATM because they cannot manage their budget. Only the LNP has the right priorities for Queensland's future.

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