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MOTION

Infrastructure

 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (4.15 pm): What we just heard was audition No. 3. Let me just remind the House what we have seen. First the health minister moved a motion which was one of the most spectacular failures. The sittings after, the Treasurer said, 'Please, it is my turn. I have an idea. I will get someone in the gallery to progress my story about the tax royalties. Let me at 'em; I'm going to splat 'em. I can do this. I can be better than the health minister.' It was a spectacular failure where the opposition agreed—

Mr BAILEY: I rise to a point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker. There is a motion before the House which the member is clearly avoiding nearly a third of the way into his speaking time.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order! The House will come to order.

Mr BAILEY: He should be addressing the motion.

Ms Simpson interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Maroochydore, I was on my feet. You are warned under the standing orders. Minister, I ask you to come to your points of order more quickly than that. I will take some advice. There is no point of order. It is a broad-ranging motion. The member has only just begun the contribution. I will continue to monitor that.

Mr CRISAFULLI: Before I get onto audition No. 3, if that is audition No. 4 then the bottom of the barrel is being scraped! Surely there is someone in the pecking order above a minister who should not have his commission.

Audition No. 3 today was the worst of the lot of them. I will tell members why. What we have just seen is a juvenile motion designed for no other reason than to send a message to Canberra: 'I'm really sorry, guys. We had to manufacture a fake fight this morning but I will turn our glare back on the opposition.'

Let me give those across the chamber a little bit of a lesson when it comes to infrastructure. For 180 days the LNP has asked: where is Queensland's fair share? For 180 days we have seen a conga line of members opposite making excuse after excuse, looking for ways to deflect and distract and not hold the federal government to account.

Mr Walker interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The member for Mundingburra is warned.

Mr CRISAFULLI: With the ink dry on the savage cuts from Canberra in the past 48 hours, the Premier has found her pen. She has written to the Prime Minister and said, 'I'm a little concerned about this and I'm going to take up the fight. In a week or so, once the announcement is made, we are going to lead a delegation to tell you that we weren't happy with the decisions that were made months ago.'

This is a motion that is nothing more than running a protection racket for Canberra to try and bring the LNP into a fight that should be between this government and its political masters in Canberra. It is this government that has presided over budget blowouts that have seen projects in this state overblown in time and in money. Now it is this government that does not have the ticker to stand up and say to Canberra, 'We want our fair share,' when it needed to do so 180 days ago.