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**MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST**

**Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment, Performance**

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (2.37 pm): 2023 saw the Treasurer's unhinged and irrational performances escalate—the glass jaw, the personal abuse, the inability to deviate from the straitjacket of his heavily scripted talking points. We all know his *modus operandi*, but this year has seen it go to a whole new level. It is a lonely drinking game where the Treasurer thinks the words 'progressive coal royalties' trigger someone somewhere to do something. The Treasurer will deliver MYFER in the next few weeks. It will likely herald higher than forecast coal revenues. The Treasurer will have then collected more than \$60 billion more than he first forecast in his first budget less than three years ago. Instead of honestly reflecting on his failure to ensure these rivers of revenue gold have delivered better services and living standards for Queenslanders, he will dribble on about a decade-old defeated government and some fantastical figments of his imagination: anything but reality, anything but the reality of what is facing Queenslanders right now, anything but the worry they quietly carry with them in their homes, around their tables and in their conversations with their loved ones; their fears about how to pay for food, for clothes, for shelter, for power, for fuel—all this after 13 cash rate increases over 18 months totalling 4¼ per cent under Labor's watch. Queensland is ground zero for the cost-of-living crisis, but the Treasurer just will not talk about it. The reality is that Queenslanders have faced the biggest increases in the last 12 months in the big bills around the kitchen table: rent is up 9½ per cent; health is up seven per cent; transport is up 6.4 per cent; private vehicles, including rego and fuel, are up 6.4 per cent; and insurance is up 15.9 per cent.

He will not talk about how Queenslanders have never felt worse off, how Queenslanders have never paid more tax or been in more debt. He will not talk about the Palaszczuk promised 1,450 police who have never arrived in the middle of a crime crisis and that we, in fact, have 202 fewer police than this time last year. He will not talk about his \$2 billion Housing Investment Fund that has never built a new home and he will never talk about the \$2 million Griffith proposal that amounted to nothing except favours banked between Labor mates. He will not talk about his broken tax promises that have threatened long-term resource investment, pushed up rents in the middle of a housing crisis and increased the cost of seeing a family doctor in the middle of a health crisis. He will not talk about how he and his Labor mates will not fight for Queensland infrastructure projects for more than 180 days, why there is silence over the Hughenden Irrigation Project, Hells Gates Dam and Urannah Dam, let alone all the projects that are on the chopping block. How could he have not talked to the federal Treasurer? His office is next door. I table this photo.

*Tabled paper:* Photograph depicting the electorate offices of the member for Woodridge, Hon. Cameron Dick, and the Federal member for Rankin, Hon. Jim Chalmers MP [2007](#).

He will not talk about the taxpayer millions for his billionaire mate who boasts about his wealth superpowers. He will not talk about his complicity and the project overruns, the wasteful spending and the deceit of his ministerial colleagues. He certainly will not talk about the internal chaos and crisis

gripping the government, how his 576-word manifesto did not mention the Premier by name once and how the Treasurer is that irrelevant the Premier did not even tell him she was leaving the country after sitting beside him all week long. It is that irrelevance that has driven the Treasurer's irrational and unhinged performances, where gormless, show ponying to the left faction is what matters and the worries of Queenslanders are just not his worries. Everyone is polling at the moment—YouGov, the unions and the government—but the Treasurer barely rates a mention: 'Mr Eight per cent' in YouGov. I used to think that the *Dick Daily Echo: Special Christmas Grinch Edition* was parody—

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kelly): No props!

**Mr JANETZKI:**—a gross exaggeration for comedic effect. I reckon the CFMMEU were onto something. I reckon they have got the Treasurer pegged perfectly: propping up the front bar out at Moranbah pretending to talk to real people who work for a living. With every unhinged and irrational exaggeration from his mouth he is now a laughing stock. The only way to end the sick joke is to show Labor the door in '24.