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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.06 pm): Tomorrow night I am attending the Talara Primary College trivia night. It is an annual event that I love going to. We have to go as professions, so they asked me what our theme was. As it turns out, my office and my team are going as a carnival because we are going as 'Cirque de Chaos'. I am dressing up as Premier Palaszczuk, 'the Ringmaster'. Appropriately, my office staff are going as clowns, which represents the ministers. When we chose that theme a few weeks ago, little did we know it would resonate so much in terms of the Palaszczuk Labor government's credibility this week. We are going as 'Cirque de Chaos', better known as the Palaszczuk Labor government.

It was unfortunate that my question did not get to the Premier this morning, but the fish rots from the head. We have seen the Premier try to do a side-shoe shuffle with the reset, the reshuffle, 'Look over here at my new team.' There is one constant in all of this. It is not the Minister for Health, Minister Fentiman; it is not Attorney-General D'Ath; it is not the Minister for Housing, Minister Scanlon; it is not the new/old Minister for Youth Justice, Minister Farmer. What is the constant in all of this chaos and crisis? It is the Premier, Annastacia Palaszczuk. That is the constant in all of this. It begs the question if, when the Premier was reshuffling and changing the faces in her cabinet last week, she looked in the mirror and asked herself, 'Am I the problem with the government? Maybe I am the problem with the Palaszczuk government.' Because Premier Palaszczuk is quite involved in the Palaszczuk government, surely the Premier asked herself, 'Should I consider myself the problem in the Palaszczuk government?' Whether she has asked herself the question or not, one thing is guaranteed: the backbench and the ministers have asked that question. They are asking themselves the question: 'Is Annastacia Palaszczuk the right person to lead us to the 2024 election?' You could see them openly talking about that question around the chamber and the precinct this week.

Yesterday the new health minister tried, and spectacularly failed, to show she was across her brief. Didn't she have a personality change today! The angry, agro health minister was pulled right back today. The new housing minister cannot even recycle poppers and now cannot talk about the government's policies in the housing portfolio. What a failure she is after only four days on the job. There is chaos and crisis in this government that we have not seen before. The person who needs to ask herself the question 'Who is the problem?' is Annastacia Palaszczuk herself.

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