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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.10 pm): Isn't the Treasurer a little grumpy today! I think he is a little grumpy because he heard last night on the news that his boss had not read his big election-winning manifesto for the Labor Party. The Premier said, 'I haven't read it.' She does not care what the Treasurer thinks. She has no interest in what he thinks about his manifesto. She ripped his manifesto up and threw it down the toilet where it belongs.

I would say to our honourable Premier 'bentornato!' Welcome back from Italy, the Premier's second luxury European escape in a matter of months. This is on top of her heavy workload: visiting Paris for three weeks, cancelling cabinet to hang out with billionaires on superyachts, neglecting budget preparations because she was high-end shopping in Sydney, the glitz, the glamour, the parties, the concerts, the interstate music festivals. There is more chaos in this Labor government than turbulence on a 747 coming back from Italy. This government smells more rotten to the core than an Italiano pizza covered in truffle. The ringmaster of the circus has been away for two weeks, but haven't the clowns come out to play!

We have seen the chaos and crisis unfold in this government. Yesterday government leaks were quoted in the paper. 'A Labor MP'—not a Labor source—'said, "Yes, there's talk about whether she should stay. There's always a bit of talk, but after the week we've had there's no mechanism to remove her and she wants to stay.'" That is one of them. Who is it? Who is the leaker? There are many leaks. Labor members, stand up and tell us who the leakers against the Premier are.

Talking about leaks, the LNP has been leaked Labor's Greatest Hits album titled *Chaos and Crisis*. There are special songs each minister wanted played on this album, and for the Deputy Premier it is *I Want to Break Free* by Queen—

I want to break free, I want to break free
I want to break free from your lies
You're so self-satisfied I don't need you
I've got to break free
God knows, God knows I want to break free

That was the Deputy Premier on show for the last two weeks. The health minister, who is interjecting, requested *Six Months in a Leaky Boat* by Split Enz—

I just spent six months in a leaky boat
Lucky just to keep afloat

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So why should it stop me
I'll conquer and stay ...

Colleagues, guess whose song this is: Carly Simon's *You're so Vain*—

You're so vain

You probably think this song is about you.

Whose song would that be? Who has requested that? It is Treasurer Cameron Dick's song—a guy so arrogant that he looks down on people and polishes the chandeliers with his nose. That is how arrogant that man is. *You're so Vain*, Cameron Dick.

We had a mystery song on this album. It was from my old favourite Shannon Noll, *What About Me*—

"What about me, it isn't fair

I've had enough ...

Whose song is that? It could be Minister Mark Bailey because he was absent for about two weeks. He did come out at the eleventh hour just before the Premier got back from her second luxury European getaway. He had to apologise again for a 'Bailey bungle'.

I have not forgotten the honourable Labor members from the backbench. They have collectively voted on their song, *Change in Mood*—

Now my eyes are open wide

Fear in voice, I remember

Change in mood

I could sense it

Changing every day

That is what the backbench says about the Labor Party.

The chaos and crisis is not to be underestimated: it is real. The Labor Party has stopped governing. They are rotten to the core. They have stopped listening; they have stopped caring. The only way to fix these issues in Queensland is to show Labor the door in 2024.