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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.16 pm): What a misogynistic speech by the Treasurer—

Mr DICK: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take deep personal offence at the comments made by the member for Kawana and I ask him to withdraw.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Member for Kawana, the member has taken personal offence. I would ask you to withdraw.

Mr BLEIJIE: I withdraw. This is a treasurer who does not believe that a woman is allowed to have a say unless it is the Labor Party's view of the world. How disgraceful from the state Treasurer!

Mr DICK: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. Those words are deeply personally offensive to me and I ask the member for Kawana to withdraw.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Kawana, the member has found the comments personally offensive. I ask you to withdraw.

Mr BLEIJIE: I withdraw. The Treasurer may be happy to have not been referred on the recent matter, but he was not happy when he was referred for SPER debts. The Ethics Committee made adverse findings against the Treasurer. He may not have been happy about that. He is one of the few members in this place with adverse findings against him by the Ethics Committee.

A government member interjected.

Mr BLEIJIE: It was not me, champ; it was the Treasurer of the state of Queensland.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member will use correct titles.

Mr BLEIJIE: Thank you, Deputy Speaker—'the Treasurer'. The Labor Party, of which the Treasurer is the third most senior member, is arrogant and out of touch. It has stopped listening and has given up on any plans for Queenslanders. It has given up on any transparency or accountability. Look what happened when the Premier needed an announcement before she flew to Paris, on her first overseas holiday this year. Mike Kaiser, the acting DPC director-general, came out the day before with the youth justice policy on the back of an envelope. What happened? Just before she went into the first-class lounge, she made the announcements on youth justice policy. Why? It was because she wanted to tick a box to show that she was doing something.

What happened with the DNA laboratory? The health minister only a week ago was saying that only an internal review is necessary and that there was no need for a second royal commission. What happened? It got into the media. In order to fix a political issue, they announced a second royal commission. Then there is the patients tax. How humiliating for the Treasurer! Not only did he have to back down on the patients tax; do members remember the renters tax?

Mr Crisafulli interjected.

Mr Dick interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, Leader of the Opposition! Order, Treasurer!

Mr BLEIJIE: That went well for the Treasurer! He announced the renters tax and then the Premier slapped him down from Canberra and stopped his renters tax going through.

With regard to Jackie Trad, the former attorney-general said that the legal fees would be released. Last week when standing in front of a press conference, the current Attorney-General said, 'We're not releasing it. We never do.' Two hours later, the Premier backflipped on that and said, 'Oh no, we will release it.' What is it? It is chaos! It is absolute chaos and crisis. Everything this government touches is chaos. Who is paying the price for Labor's chaos? It is Queenslanders. Queenslanders are paying the price for the backflipping and the backstabbing of people like the Treasurer of the state of Queensland who has no interest in what is in the best interests of Queenslanders. All the members of the Labor Party are interested in is power. All they are interested in is self-interest, power, ministerial leather and limo drivers. That is all that is driving the Treasurer's policy platform in the state of Queensland—his limo driver. Let us look at Labor's infrastructure chopping block. Minister Mark Bailey is very quiet on the infrastructure chopping block.

Mr BAILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I have a title and he should not be referring to me in the personal. He knows what the standing orders are.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Member, I will ask you to use correct titles.

Mr BLEIJIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I said 'Minister Bailey'.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. Resume your seat. I will take some advice. Member for Kawana, I am not asking you to withdraw; I am just asking you to use correct titles going forward.

Mr BLEIJIE: Let us now look at the chaos of the Griffith housing accommodation proposal—a 10-word text message from Labor mate Mike Kaiser to Labor mate Andrew Fraser. A 10-word text message 24 hours before the Premier announced the policy at the Housing Summit cost Queenslanders \$2 million. Last week the Premier then said, 'Oh, I understand there were conversations that took place.' Yeah—a day before, like the Gabba announcement of a billion dollars. Why in budget estimates? Because the Premier needed an announcement, just like she needed an announcement at the Housing Summit. That is more chaos and crisis of the Palaszczuk government. I table copies of the RTI documents in which Andrew Fraser said, 'Said we would not seek a commercial return but come knocking on other matters.' I table the RTI documents.

Tabled paper: Extract of text messages, dated 15 September, between Mr Andrew Fraser and Ms Carolyn Evans, relating to the use of former student accommodation [1605](#).

This is how the government is doing business—behind secret text messages between Labor mates saying we will 'come knocking'. What does that mean? Where is the transparency? Only 10 minutes ago the Premier was asked, 'Where's this desalination plant?', and she said, 'Kawana'. That is news to my constituents, or is it going in Bribie Island, as we have heard? I reckon that is the case. What a disgraceful Labor government in Queensland!

(Time expired)