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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.00 pm): In one year, Queenslanders will have the chance to show Labor the door in '24. In one year, the people of Queensland will be able to pass judgement on the Palaszczuk Labor government, a government that has been in power for nine years now and has overseen a youth crime crisis, a housing crisis, a health crisis, a cost-of-living crisis and budget blowouts under Minister Bailey. In one year's time, Queenslanders will be able to finally have their say and show Labor the door in '24. They will be able to say to the Premier, 'You are now too arrogant to continue in this job.' That is what Queenslanders are saying.

Last night, the media questioned the Premier about her leadership. She said, 'I reject that.' The reporter said, 'But, Premier, this is coming from your own members—Labor members.' The Premier said, 'No, that's not true. I reject it.' Then the reporter said, 'But, Premier, they are telling us; your Labor members are telling us.' The Premier said, 'It's not true. They've not talked to me about it.' When the reporter said to the Premier, 'But, Premier, Queenslanders are blaming you for the housing crisis, the youth justice crisis and the health crisis,' she said, 'Who? Who is blaming me?' How arrogant can you get in this job? We need only look at the Premier and the Labor Party! That is how arrogant they are.

Let us look at police numbers. They keep talking about 'approved strength'. The Labor Party weakened the youth justice laws in 2015-16. We have fewer police on the beat. Is it any wonder we have a youth crime crisis? Since 2015 in my electorate of Kawana, police numbers have reduced by two, yet they say we have more police. It is not true. In my electorate, police numbers are going down.

There have not been enough homes released for our constituents right across Queensland. They talk about the NRAS. I have written to the government and told them to buy NRAS houses in my electorate to stop my constituents from becoming homeless. There is a difference between using housing investment money to buy houses from the private rental market—taking them from the private rental market—as opposed to buying houses that are already in a subsidised scheme, which is NRAS. They do not understand it. The Labor Party do not want Queenslanders to aspire to home ownership. The Labor Party want Queenslanders to aspire to rent or live in social housing for their rest of their lives. We want people to aspire to home ownership. We want Queenslanders to be able to own their own homes if that is what they want.

Let us not forget the Premier's flippant response on water security, saying that Kawana will have a desalination plant. Which beach in my electorate will that involve? The Premier has not come clean about that apparently \$8 billion plan to build a desalination plant. Now we hear it is probably going to be built at Bribie Island, in the electorate of Pumicestone.

The Labor government has had its chance. After nine years we have all these crises caused by the Labor Party in Queensland. It is time to show Labor the door in '24.

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