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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.05 pm): Mr Deputy Speaker, you will often hear members of parliament say when asked about polls, 'We don't comment on polls.' That is still the case, but there are two polls that I want to talk about today in the chamber. The first is as raised by the Leader of the Opposition, and that is the poll to protect the Premier—for the Premier to save her job. If this Premier had been listening to Queenslanders over the last nine years she would not need to spend \$400,000 of Queensland taxpayers' money to work out what the issues are.

The LNP have been listening to Queenslanders, and we developed the document 'The Right Priorities for Queensland's Future' after we listened to Queenslanders. This Premier would have people believe that in her nine years—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Pause the clock. Member for Maroochydore, put the book down. That is a general warning to everyone. If anybody else uses a prop, you have been warned; you will be asked to leave.

Mr BLEIJIE: This Premier, who has been in office for nine years, would have people believe, 'I'm going to concentrate on the issues that matter, but I need to spend \$400,000 of taxpayers' money first to find out what the issues are.' That shows a Premier who has checked out, a Premier who is out of touch and a Premier who has no interest in the job anymore. Premier Palaszczuk has no interest in the job. All the Labor Party are doing is so desperately clinging to power. They cannot bear the thought that they will lose office next year. They are getting so desperate on so many issues.

The other polling I thought was interesting was the union commissioned polling. The Premier was asked yesterday, 'Do you need Gary Bullock's support, the union's support, to stay in the job?' and she said, 'No, I don't.' Yeah, right—as if anyone believes that! I would love to hear what Minister Grace, a former union official, thinks of that one. I think Gary Bullock, or 'Blocker', was voted as the most influential Queenslanders at some stage, and the Premier would have everyone believe that she does not need the union's support!

The leaks against this Premier are continuing. The unions are leaking against her. The backbench is leaking against her. The Premier was overseas again and there were more Labor people leaking against her. A recent article by Madonna King stated—

"She doesn't listen to anyone anymore. No-one." "I'm not sure where she takes her advice from, but it's not us."

Two innocuous comments—except that they come from two of the party's most senior operators, who have until recently fiercely supported the premier.

Who are the two senior Labor operatives? Is one the Treasurer?

Mr Minnikin: 'Mr Eight Per Cent'.

Mr BLEIJIE: 'Mr Eight Per Cent'—I take the interjection. Is it the Deputy Premier or is it the health minister? Who are the two senior Labor operatives who, when the Premier was in China, were leaking against her again?

The Leader of the Opposition has also raised the issue of infrastructure. I was flabbergasted this morning when the Premier stood up and said, 'Today I have written to the Prime Minister about this infrastructure review.' The deal is done! We know what is on Labor's chopping block—\$14 billion worth of infrastructure projects. Why hasn't the Premier fought for Queenslanders for the last 190 days? Is it because when Catherine King, the federal infrastructure minister, was doing the review the Premier did not have the time to email from Italy, or did she not have time to email from China last week? Why suddenly today? We know that the deal is done. Catherine King, the infrastructure minister, is in the media today saying it is going to be a 50-50 split on infrastructure projects. This government has concocted a fight—a fake fight—with the federal government so that when the cuts come from the Labor Party they can say, 'We fought it. We fought it on behalf of Queensland.' Rubbish!

Queenslanders do not believe it. No member of the Labor Party has stood up for Queenslanders and fought for this infrastructure. Talking about the Labor government and their desperation, I cannot help but acknowledge the Treasurer's desperate attempts in relation to this infrastructure. He went on radio last week with Steve Austin and tried to blame the federal Labor Party's infrastructure chopping block cuts on the LNP opposition in Queensland. That is how desperate he is. He is so desperate. This is my warning to the people of Queensland: you are going to see more of this from a desperate Labor Party. They are so desperately clinging to power. They are so desperate not to lose power in Queensland. There are going to be many Labor lies. We are going to hear it on the radio and see it on TV. We are going to see it everywhere! These Labor mistruths will continue—

Mr HINCHLIFFE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The Deputy Leader of the Opposition used unparliamentary language and I ask that he withdraw.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will take some advice in relation to that. Member for Kawana, I would ask you to withdraw that unparliamentary language.

Mr BLEIJIE: I withdraw. Queenslanders are over it. They know it is time for a change. They have given up on the Palaszczuk government just like the Labor Party backbench—

(Time expired)