




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MOTION

Liberal National Party, Cuts

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (4.17 pm): Unfortunately, putting this motion on the agenda now takes away time to talk about victims of crime in this state. There are many people in this chamber who want to talk about one of the biggest issues in Queensland caused by the Labor Party government, and that is the youth crime crisis. This little motion that Labor always does now on Wednesday afternoon is filling time. It is also wasting time, because now people will be cut off tomorrow when the House rises and the Labor Party go on their Christmas break. That is what is going to happen. People will miss the opportunity to talk about what Queenslanders want us to talk about.

If the Labor Party wants to talk about a type of government, as I said yesterday in this chamber, this government is a kakistocracy. It is a bad government led by bad people. We see the culture that came through the government in the Coaldrake report. It said that ministerial staff are running around departments like little generals and public servants are not doing what they want to do, which is give fearless and frank advice, because they are too scared of what is going to happen under the Palaszczuk Labor government. That is the problem. The Labor Party wants to talk about cuts. The only party cutting anything in Queensland is the Labor Party—the ‘kings of cuts’. Deputy Premier Steven Miles, transport and main roads minister Bailey and of course Treasurer Cameron Dick are all ‘kings of cuts’!

Mr BAILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. It is clearly against standing orders to use the surnames of honourable members of the parliament, which the experienced member just did.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr BAILEY: The very experienced member just said that and it is against the standing orders.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Martin): Minister, I understand your point of order. I will get some advice in silence.

Mrs Frecklington interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Nanango, you are warned. I remind all members to use correct titles.

Mr BLEIJIE: The only disgraceful thing in that man’s title is the word ‘minister’ before his name. He should not be a minister. He should have been sacked years ago.

Mr BAILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I find the comments of the member personally offensive and I ask that they be withdrawn.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: The minister is correct. Member for Kawana, I had just brought the House to order and asked you to use correct titles and then you did not. I remind you to use correct titles and I ask that you withdraw that unparliamentary language.

Mr BLEIJIE: I withdraw. The Minister for Transport and Main Roads is an absolute disgrace. He is an incompetent minister who Premier Palaszczuk should have sacked years ago. It is a disgrace that he is still sitting around the cabinet table making decisions. The types of decisions that minister is making have led to billions of dollars of blowouts, cover-ups and mistruths in Queensland. You only had to see the train wreck of an interview yesterday. Today we hear that the Deputy Premier has led a delegation to Canberra. I have not seen the announcement yet, but does anyone in the Labor Party know that the Deputy Premier left the delegation on the tarmac? They did not go to Canberra. They were on the tarmac.

Mr BAILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The member is clearly trying to communicate directly with members and not via the chair which is against the standing orders.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: I ask all members to direct their comments through the chair.

Mr BLEIJIE: The Deputy Premier is sitting down in Canberra and was spotted at the National Press Club lunch today—not doing anything on behalf of Team Queensland—listening to the daughter of former prime minister Kevin Rudd talk about parenthood. The Deputy Premier is sitting there on table 9, having a good time, drinking wine, on the public dime. That is what the Deputy Premier was doing when he was meant to be sticking up for Queensland. The best thing that Queenslanders could do for Queensland and Queenslanders next year is to show Labor the door in '24. Get rid of this incompetent mob, including the transport minister.

(Time expired)