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 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (2.55 pm): Labor has failed Queensland students, parents and teachers. Last week we saw the release of the 2024 NAPLAN results, which represent a monumental fail for this third-term state Labor government. Yet again, Queensland students received the poorest NAPLAN results of any mainland state. Almost two in five students are failing to meet national standards for literacy and numeracy. This year, all Queensland students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 received lower results for reading and spelling than the year before. That is a damning indictment of the Labor state government's decade-long neglect of improving student outcomes. Every year when presented with the latest shocking data, Labor's minister for education will tell Queenslanders that these results are nothing more than a reflection of a moment in time. That is the point: every time a moment is selected to measure the success and educational outcomes of our students, Queensland receives confirmation that our students are being let down by this state Labor government.

Queensland parents deserve meaningful answers from Labor's Minister for Education, who has failed to articulate any comprehensive plan to improve literacy and numeracy results in Queensland. The minister's answer needs to be more than just pointing to Labor's Equity and Excellence strategy. Countless education stakeholders, including frontline teachers and principals, have said to me that this strategy has done plenty to focus on equity but the state Labor government pays no attention to improving excellence. Only the LNP has the right priorities for Queensland's future, including lifting educational outcomes and standards in Queensland.

On Labor's health and hospital crisis, an appalling new low benchmark was revealed this week when it was reported that the Labor state government has hired ministerial and political staff for their own offices at a greater rate than frontline health staff. Not only that, it has been revealed that doctors and nurses are leaving Queensland Health in record numbers under Labor's appalling management of the hospital and health system. Latest figures show that the rate of nurses leaving is nearly double what it was when Labor took office. The rate is now at 6.12 per cent. The rate of doctors leaving is the highest it has been since Labor came to power in 2015. Recent data has also shown that the elective surgery waitlist has blown out to 61,421 Queenslanders. That is an appalling Labor legacy for Queensland. The Miles, Palaszczuk, Bligh and Beattie Labor governments are all the same. It is clear that Labor cannot make a diagnosis, let alone offer a second opinion.

We know that a crime crisis is impacting the western suburbs of Brisbane, South-East Queensland and, in fact, all of Queensland. There is a housing affordability crisis. There are cost-of-living pressures that need urgent action beyond what has been done. All residents in the western suburbs of Brisbane are entitled to receive support from their government. There are crises across Queensland. On 26 October we can change the government and get Queensland back on track.