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Miles Labor Government

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (5.06 pm): I move—

That this House:

- (a) notes the concern throughout Far North Queensland at the increased incidence of crime, failure by the government to combat cost-of-living increases and the government's inability to address the region's health crisis; and
- (b) calls on the members for Barron River, Cairns and Cook to support their communities to ensure laws favour victims rather than offenders, the state government reduces the pressure its own activities impose on cost-of-living increases and adopt policies that restore health services throughout the region.

This week we have been treated to the spectacle of those opposite pretending that the last 10 years just have not happened, that they were a figment of our imagination, that Annastacia never existed, that the Palaszczuk government never existed. The Palaszczuk what? Palaszczuk who? Annastacia who? It is like they are saying, 'What's gone on? What's happened for the last 10 years? What's happened? Where's it gone?' We have heard words like 'refreshed' and 'renewed'.

Mr Nicholls interjected.

Mr JANETZKI: I take the interjection: Annastacia has moved on to greener pastures in Whistler. We have heard words like 'refreshed' and 'renewed'. I have another word for this charade that the Palaszczuk government never existed: it is 'rubbish'! It is absolute rubbish because this government cannot run from its record. What we see time and time again from this government already just in its first or second month is that it is a recycled government, it is a reheated government and it is just plain rotten. Whatever it is that new Premier Miles is selling, Queenslanders just are not buying it. They are just not buying it, and we wonder why. Past behaviour is the best predictor of future behaviour and what we have seen over the last 10 years—and the people of Queensland know it in their bones and the people of Far North Queensland know it too—is a record of failure. It is a record of dismal failure. Tonight across cost of living, power, crime and housing my colleagues will run through in greater detail the litany of failures.

Let us think about crime. There has been a 107 per cent rise in car thefts since the election of this Labor government and a 70 per cent rise in unlawful entry into homes, and the member for Barron River voted for all of it. He voted for all of it. There is someone else who we know voted for all of it too, and that is the Premier—the breach-of-bail repeal, the catch-and-release introduction laws, the absolute failures and the ups and downs of the crime plans and their failures. They all voted for it. In housing, social housing has dropped 19 per cent in the last five years. Home ownership in Cairns is at 51 per cent. Queensland is at the bottom of the ladder at 63½ per cent. Cairns is even worse at 51 per cent, and the member for Cairns has been there for all of it. When it comes to health, when this Labor government started ramping was at 6½ per cent in Cairns. It is now at 35 per cent. One thing I want to draw the attention of the House to is that when it comes to health services the litany of failures in the Far North continues there too.

I turn now to media releases. We know this government is addicted to media announcements, glossy brochures and unfunded promises in the never-never, but this one that I am about to talk about takes the cake. In 2017 there was a media release for a \$5.6 billion overhaul for the Cairns Ambulance Station and Operations Centre. That has not been built—an absolute nothing! We just have media releases, and do members know who the health minister was at the time? It was the current Treasurer—the king of unfunded promises, the king of glossy announcements, the king of funding promises beyond the never-never. What hope does the Far North have? I will tell members: we are the team with the right priorities for Queensland and we have two candidates on the ground—Bree in Barron River and Yolonde in Cairns. We are looking forward to going up and helping them this week coming. I will be there on Saturday with Yolonde. We will be up there meeting people. We are all going to arrive and spread across the tropical Far North, because it is time. Instead of having little mice from Cairns down here in Brisbane, we are going to bring some lions. We are going to get Bree and Yolonde down here.

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