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MOTION

Housing

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (6.34 pm): The more things change, the more they stay the same. Just when we thought we had seen enough of these motions and they would have ended with the Palaszczuk Labor government, we had the Leader of the House step into it. I remember that in the last couple of sitting weeks of last year it was about coal royalties, health and crime. It does not matter; the new Leader of the House has walked straight into it. We knew we had Blocker's brain running Queensland, but now it looks like we have Blocker's brain running parliamentary process as well.

Let's go to the record. The member for McConnel just talked about all the reasons it is not the Miles government's fault and it is just a recent problem. Do honourable members know what is not a recent problem? It is Queensland having the lowest rate of home ownership in the country. That has been growing over the decades, most of which—30 of 35 years—has been under Labor Party rule. Queensland has the lowest rate of home ownership in the country at 63½ per cent, with the top of the country at 71 per cent. What did the Labor government do about home ownership for so long? There were crickets. It was back in 2008 when Andrew Fraser issued a media release saying they would end stamp duty payable by first home buyers. That was when the median house price was \$500,000 in Brisbane. Nobody mentioned it for 15 years. The Treasurer had not mentioned home ownership this entire term of government until the Leader of the Opposition appointed me shadow home ownership minister because we are determined to make Queensland top of the pile for home ownership in this country. If a young person aspires to attain home ownership, they should have an opportunity to achieve it.

The government's failings across the housing portfolio are writ large as to why they will not talk about home ownership. Just look at the some of the failings: the \$2 billion Housing Investment Fund that has not built a single home; a Griffith student university accommodation plan that took \$2 million from the taxpayer and did not deliver a single home; Catholic land that had been set aside—there are crickets about that as well. Nobody has heard anything further about that. We have seen lot approvals and building approvals drop by 30 per cent under this government. We have seen a social housing waitlist continue to blow out. We have seen social housing investment as judged by the Productivity Commission at the lowest per capita in the country. We have seen 220 social homes built per annum by this government over the course of the last 10 years, yet they make us believe that by 2046 we will see a transformation of social housing. This motion is flawed and this government's policy around home ownership and social housing is flawed, too.

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