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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Miles Labor Government, Budget**

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (2.19 pm): The Queensland budget is now just over one month away. Budgets are always about choices. The choice that faces the Miles government is clear: will this year's budget be about the 137 days to the October election or will it be about Queensland's next decade, a decade that holds extraordinary promise for our great state? What will the Premier and Treasurer choose?

Queenslanders know that this decade-old government cannot be trusted. Perhaps they can be trusted about one thing, and that is that the Premier and Labor will do and say anything to hang on to power. How do you trust a government that has taken debt from \$72 billion when it was first elected in 2015 to \$102 billion before COVID and now on a trajectory to \$188 billion, with annual interest costs north of \$4 billion per annum? How do you ever trust a government that has taxed more, spent more and borrowed more but has left every Queenslanders with less to show for it?

The rivers of gold have never flowed more powerfully—\$66 billion and counting between what the Treasurer forecast in his first budget and what he has actually collected. How has that windfall improved the lives of Queenslanders? What is the lived experience of Queenslanders in the face of that extraordinary revenue gain and the spending that has subsequently followed? There are 1,521 fewer police than before the last election; victims of crime, up 17 per cent last year; stolen cars, up 15.9 per cent in 12 months; ambulance ramping, which was 15 per cent when the opposition was last in government, now sits at 43 per cent—the worst in the nation; and 1,073 days ago the Callide power plant failed, and even today the station is not back fully online, while power bills rose 19.9 per cent last year—the highest in the country. That is why the LNP supports these rebates for struggling Queenslanders. Queenslanders also deserve to know why we have the highest energy costs in the country.

How do you ever trust a decade-old government that has overseen the highest unemployment, the highest bankruptcies, flatlining capital growth and an economic performance CommSec ranks equal worst in the country amongst states? How do you ever trust a government that just makes announcements without planning, building and delivering—the Housing Investment Fund that has not delivered a house; the Health and Hospitals Plan that has not delivered a bed, ward or hospital. The choice facing the Miles government is clear: will they deliver a budget that is focused on the decade ahead or the 137 days to the election? Sadly, Queenslanders already know the answer.