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 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (2.45 pm): The state and federal treasurers have a great deal in common: their offices are right beside each other; they both live in Logan, perhaps via Greenslopes; and they both love speculating with taxpayers' dollars. We only need look at PsiQuantum for that. As of last night they have one more thing in common and that is deficits across the horizon, whether it be the state or federal budget. Perhaps at the end of last year the Premier and Treasurer were too busy looking after leadership numbers to identify the missing billions. Perhaps they were too busy looking after their own numbers rather than the billions of Queenslanders.

**Mr Power** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kelly): Order, member for Logan.

**Mr Crisafulli** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER**: Order, Leader of the Opposition.

**Mr Power** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER**: Pause the clock. Member for Logan and Leader of the Opposition, you are both warned under the standing orders for quarrelling.

**Mr JANETZKI**: The Premier lost track of billions at a press conference today when he was talking about rebates being in the 2024-25 budget despite there being a bill in the House that says it is in this year's budget. While Queenslanders worry about the cost of living, the Premier loses track of billions. I wonder where these billions are. Could they be in luxury jets? Could they be with the arts minister on her travels? Where are the missing billions the Premier has mislaid today? When we are looking at the federal budget—and the state budget too—we need to always focus on what is done rather than what they say. Announcements and glossy brochures are good, but we need to look at what is delivered by state and federal Labor here in Queensland.

The federal budget last week was another example of why we should look at what they do rather than what they say. If you recall the first federal Labor budget of Jim Chalmers, there were significant cuts to water infrastructure projects such as the Hughenden Irrigation Scheme, Urannah, Hell's Gates and Emu Swamp Dam in the Southern Downs. In their second budget and in the infrastructure review we saw significant cuts to infrastructure, including the Mooloolah River Interchange, New England Highway upgrades, the Beenleigh Railway Station and the Loganlea Railway Station. We saw those infrastructure cuts in their second budget. What was cut last week from the federal budget here in Queensland? We saw significant cuts: \$52 million in health care; \$498 million across the forwards in housing; and over \$1 billion in infrastructure. I recall back in the days of the last federal coalition government when the treasurer in Queensland issued media release after media release. In fact, I have

some of the treasurer's comments from that time, particularly around housing. He said, 'We'll never be able to do what we need to do with social and affordable housing so long as we have a federal government that is in full-blown retreat from supporting social and affordable housing.'

I was waiting for the Treasurer to issue his media release when there was a \$498 million cut across housing for Queensland but all we hear are crickets from this Treasurer. At the end of the day, he is more concerned with how things look than how things actually are. He is now officially Jim Chalmers's publicist here in Queensland. Never has a Queensland government spent more, borrowed more or taxed more and left Queenslanders with less to show for it. Never before have we seen record debt, record interest costs and record failures in waste and project overruns like we have seen from this Treasurer and this government here in Queensland.

With record debt, record interest costs and record project overruns, what does Queensland have to show for it? We have record numbers of homeless, record numbers of victims of crime and record numbers of people waiting on the ramp. Whether it be the record numbers of homeless, victims of crime or people waiting on the ramp, Queenslanders deserve more. That will not change until Queensland changes the government this October. Queensland deserves better and we must show Labor the door in 2024.