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Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment, Performance

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (2.38 pm): The questions Queenslanders will ask themselves next month are: is the state of the economy better or worse after 10 years of Labor rule and who has the right plan for Queensland's future? The irrational and unhinged performance of the Treasurer over his time as Treasurer says everything, as does his record for the years he has served in this high office—record debt, record interest, record revenue and record spending, yet we have record numbers of victims of crime, record numbers of vulnerable people living under bridges and in cars, and record numbers of patients waiting on the ramp.

The Treasurer has collected \$70 billion more in revenue, yet we have all these problems facing us. He has collected \$70 billion more in revenue than what he forecast in his first budget and never has Queensland had less to show for it. The Treasurer did not have a clue about the difference between credit spreads and credit ratings. We heard it again this morning. It was on his mind again this morning. It is in his mind!

The Treasurer abandoned fighting for fifty-fifty health funding in Queensland. The Treasurer abandoned fighting for infrastructure when the federal Labor government cut infrastructure projects—whether it be the Mooloolah River interchange, the Kenmore roundabout or water infrastructure projects across regional Queensland. His office is right beside Jim Chalmers' office and he still abandoned fighting for Queensland's interest.

He oversaw the largest unforeseen expenditure since the Bligh-Fraser years. He has spent tens of millions of dollars on billionaires who, in reply, gave free newspaper advertisements across the country. He signed the cheques for Wellcamp, for art galleries, for luxury jets around Queensland. In his first year in cabinet he was responsible for plenty of asset sales. They do not want to talk about it. They are too busy telling untruths, but he sold our assets—Forestry Plantations Queensland, Queensland Motorways, the Port of Brisbane, Queensland Rail's above and below coal businesses, Queensland Rail's commercial assets, and the Ports Corporation of Queensland's Abbot Point Coal Terminal.

He cannot be trusted—26 times he promised no new or increased taxes, but he introduced a patient tax in the middle of a health crisis to drive down bulk-billing rates and he introduced a renters' tax that drove out investment and drove up rents here in Queensland. It is not just me who says this. The *Dick Daily Echo*—I have to reference it one more time—got it right about passing the pub test, about how to look fair dinkum in the front bar with people who work for a living! There is only one conclusion to be reached: time is up! Show them the door in 2024.