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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (2.28 pm): Actions do speak louder than words. What we have seen is a decade of no action, which is exactly why Queenslanders are in the grips of a cost-of-living crisis. Let us talk about the member for Waterford and former member for South Brisbane Jackie Trad. The reason we are still talking about her is because she is still running the show. We know that former member for South Brisbane Jackie Trad is having private meetings with the wannabe premier, the member for Waterford. It is obvious.

Mr Lister: Just like old times.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: It is just like old times—exactly. I take that interjection. Again I say: actions do speak louder than words. After a decade of this incompetent Labor government, what do Queenslanders have? Their rent has gone up. Their rates have gone up. Everything to do with housing has gone up. The cost of living has gone up. Electricity has gone up 20 per cent—three times the national average. Why? Government members are trying to pretend everything is okay with electricity, but one only has to look at the failures at Callide to know it is not okay.

Both the Treasurer and the energy minister are shareholding ministers of that very important Callide coal-fired power station. Over three years ago—it must be close to four years now—Callide blew up. It was a catastrophic incident. The government asked Professor Sean Brady to look at why power prices are going through the roof and what caused that catastrophic failure. What has Professor Sean Brady been paid—in instalments, I might add—to a month or two ago? Some \$10.4 million.

The Minister for Energy kept coming in here and kept fronting the media to be asked repeatedly, ‘When will the Brady report be released?’ He said, ‘I don’t know anything about it.’ People’s electricity bills are going through the roof, yet the energy minister completely misled the people of Queensland. He has forked out \$10.4 million, in instalments, over a period of about 12 months. You would think a shareholding minister might say, ‘Is there a reason close to \$50 million is being paid for one report and the legal fees to hide that report and hide the failings of CS Energy?’ It is a cover-up of epic proportions.

Premier Miles, the Minister for Energy and the Treasurer of this state all know that the explosion at Callide is why Queenslanders’ electricity bills are going through the roof. They know that the cost of living is hurting everyday Queenslanders, yet what have they done? The Premier said that CS Energy would have to be broken up and reorganised. What did he do a week later? He handed them \$1.3 billion to manage. You have to be kidding me!

We have a Premier who says one thing but does another. What about the workers who could have been killed in that catastrophic incident? They are the ones we are fighting for. What about the mums and dads who cannot afford to pay their energy bills because this government failed to listen and failed to do anything in the last decade?

The other thing I will say about this new Premier is that he refuses to tell Queenslanders how much taxpayers' money he spent on two jets to fly him and the police minister around the state. It was the Police Commissioner who decided to be honest with Queenslanders—\$168,000. What was taxpayers' money—our money—being spent on? It was to shoot a video to promote the Premier of this state. What an absolute joke! On behalf of those mums and dads and those small business owners who are fighting to pay their bills and keep their small businesses open, I say to this Premier, 'Shame! Get out of the gutter and start thinking about the people of Queensland who are hurting because of your failures.'

Only the LNP and our leader, David Crisafulli, have a plan for this great state. It is all about reducing the cost of living. It is all about fixing the health system. It is all about looking after Queenslanders—getting them into houses and making sure that, if they are in Goondiwindi, they have the right to be safe. In our regional towns, people have the right to be safe. We will do something about crime. Let's show Labor the door in '24.

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