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**Consideration in Detail (Cognate Debate)
Appropriation Bill**

Cost of Living and Economics Committee, Report

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (11.53 am): Mr Deputy Speaker Lister, with your indulgence I want to give a big shout-out to the four Kingaroy State High School students and their teacher, David Thomson, who are here today. They designed and operated a hydrogen powered remote controlled car. They won the H2GP Pro race on the Gold Coast and they are going to California to contest the word championships in September. Congratulations to Lexy Nixon, Chloe Elliot, Jack Newby, Cooper Mollenhauer and Oliver Vogelaar. I look forward to following how you go in California later this year.

It gives me great pleasure to follow that rant from the member for Macalister—someone who was on the committee and should know better—because it was the questions about the cost of living from our side that put pressure on ministers and highlighted the failings of the Palaszczuk-Miles government. This is a government that thinks it can have a new premier and miraculously it is going to be all new. Guess what? The reason the cost of living is through the roof is that the now Premier was the deputy premier, and he was every other failed minister before that. They have all been there for a long time, they are all tired and they are all hiding their corruption, as we heard in the chamber today. We all know that.

Let us talk about the Premier and the cost of living during the estimates process. When asked repeatedly how much the jets were, would he answer? No. The member for Macalister thinks the people of Logan are not concerned about a Premier taking two jets to go around the state and not even spend time in those regional communities while hopping in and out of the plane and making people go to the airport just to see him just so he can get a video to play to the poor people of Logan. I can tell the member that they can see through this Premier. They can see through the money that he is expending and wasting. The Police Commissioner, several estimates committees later, actually announced how much it was.

Mr Stevens: Eighty-four and 83.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Yes, \$84,000 and \$83,000; I take that interjection. That is \$167,000 of taxpayers' money. When the member for Macalister talks about the energy rebate, why does she not ask why we need an energy rebate? The Queensland Competition Authority—

Mr Stevens: Up 19 per cent! Up 19 per cent under them!

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I take that interjection because we have said it so many times: a nearly 20 per cent increase in our electricity because of the incompetence of this government. No wonder it has to give rebates, because our electricity bills have gone through the roof and are three times the national average.

Mr Tantari interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Lister): The member for Hervey Bay is warned under the standing orders.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Talk about the cost of living! What about the Premier when he is in the *Betoota Advocate*? He gets in the *Betoota Advocate* and he tries to be really cool when he is asked, 'What about the cost-of-living crisis in Queensland?' Do members know what the Premier said? He said, 'There's not a lot the state government can do about it,' and then he announces 12 fuel stations! I have never seen an announcement by a Premier more ridiculed than that announcement. It is actually so embarrassing that I do not like to talk about it because people say, 'Are you kidding? He is not seriously going to kick out mum-and-dad investors from their little fuel stations.' There is one major refinery in this state and the Premier of this state thinks he is going to control fuel stations across the state with 12 state owned fuel stations. I can announce here today that we are definitely not going to be setting up butchers and bakers and candlestick makers. This is desperate. There is no other word for it but absolutely desperate.

How is the Premier setting up fuel stations going to help the people of Nanango? Come on! What a joke! It is so embarrassing that even the Labor members opposite cannot stand to raise it. In fact, the only member in this House who has raised it is the Premier himself. My favourite day this term has to have been when Cameron Dick, the Treasurer of this state, was standing behind the Premier as the Premier announced it and then he had to step into the interview and you could see he was thinking, 'Please don't ask me about the ridiculous idea of the fuel stations.' Come on! Get a grip with Queensland and understand what the priorities of Queenslanders are. They do want to turn up to their health system. They do want to feel safe in their homes—unlike the good people of Goondiwindi. They do want cost-of-living relief. The only people who will deliver that are the LNP.