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**MEMBER FOR MILLER**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENTS**

**Leader of the Opposition, Performance**

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (3.01 pm): Being premier of Queensland is a great honour, and Queenslanders have never elected a weak premier. We know the record of the Leader of the Opposition. We know that he took a seat from the youngest ever woman elected in this parliament's history at that point. We know that he took preselection from her. We know that he alleged terrible things about the laptop and then was caught cold by the CCC report. He never apologised. He went to ground, just like he did this week. He went to ground to avoid responsibility for being found out. We saw him make treaty a personal issue of principle, but how long did that last? It lasted about four months before he folded like a stack of cheap playing cards with a little bit of pressure from his federal colleagues.

We see recent commitments on the Sunshine Coast line—an area ignored by him in government and ignored by the LNP after nine years in Canberra. We see his shifting position when it comes to the \$3.4 billion stadium—shifting away from responsibility, shifting away from being there and shifting away literally today—literally! He was doorstopped by Tim Arvier and Channel 9, and he literally shifted himself away from the camera. He gave sand crabs a good lesson in scuttling away when he was confronted by Tim Arvier and Channel 9. What he wants to do is keep his position secret until after the election.

**Mr Head** interjected.

**Mr BAILEY:** Member for Callide, why don't you just can it. Really? Unbelievable!

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Krause): Pause the clock, please. Member for Miller, I am advised you have used unparliamentary language. I ask you to withdraw.

**Mr BAILEY:** I withdraw.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I also remind you of your obligation to direct comments through the chair.

**Mr BAILEY:** Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The volume from the member for Callide is absolutely difficult to deal with while I am speaking. He is yelling—

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Thank you, member for Miller. I acknowledge your point of order and I will take care of order in the chamber. You have the call.

**Mr BAILEY:** I hope so. Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Where was the Leader of the Opposition for three days? He was hiding from the media and hiding from the public, because he wants to hide his position on a \$3.4 billion commitment to a stadium that Queenslanders do not want. They want to see a games that is within a reasonable budget line. What we see is a leader of the opposition without heart, without strength, who was hiding from the media until he was flushed out today. He was finally flushed out for a press conference today, only after incredible pressure from the public, from media and from this government. He is a weak opposition leader, he does not stand for anything, he has no policies and we will continue to apply the pressure on him.

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