




Speech By
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 **Hon. MP HEALY** (Cairns—ALP) (Minister for Tourism and Sport) (6.08 pm): All I can say is thank the good lord that source of entertainment is finished. Seriously, what an absolute debacle. Once again we have witnessed the inability of the other side to articulate any sort of facts and figures. The member for Ninderry talked about 'private jets'. They are actually government jets, and the government jets were started by Joh Bjelke-Petersen. It was an LNP government that started using these aircraft and they have been used ever since. They are not actually private jets. They need to get their facts right, but we will come back to that later.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Mr Purdie interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Member for Ninderry, you are warned under the standing orders. You have been interjecting constantly. Member for Nanango, what is your point of order?

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: My point of order is that the member on his feet is clearly misleading the House. Even the Premier has said that one of them was a private jet.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! That is not a point of order. If you believe there has been a matter of misleading the House, there is a process to follow, which you well know. Do not take points of order of that nature. Follow the process. You have no point of order. Member for Cairns, you have the call.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I will be writing to you then if he continues.

Mr HEALY: I thought that some of the contributions to this debate by some on the other side were interesting given that this is what they have chosen to do six months out from an election. At a time when we have just released a significant body of work in relation to ensuring safety in our communities, this is their response! Those opposite whinge about not having enough time to debate topics and they whinge about not having enough time to articulate their message, yet when they do get time they come up with these frivolous little attempts to entertain one another. I know it has been entertaining for them, but I hope the people of Queensland are watching this because what we are seeing from the other side is nothing short of disgraceful. It is nothing short of absolutely disgraceful. If that is their idea of entertainment then they need all of the help they can get.

When it comes to the cost of living, we have heard absolutely nothing from that side. They have no strategy and no policy. However, I want to recognise one or two members. One of them quoted from their right wing blue document and I thought that that was impressive, but we are all still waiting to find out what those words mean. There is no detail, no policy, no structure—absolutely nothing at all.

Under Labor, with regard to power prices, there will be between \$550 and \$1,072 off every household's bill and \$650 off the bills of small businesses. The biggest package in Australia is underway. There is our free kindy, saving families an estimated \$4,600. That is what we want to see;

that is a real policy. Then there are rego freezes and discounts for pensioners, seniors, primary producers and charitable organisations that on average will shave around about \$300 off each vehicle and 50 per cent off public transport for all pensioners, seniors, students, veterans and jobseekers. Free TAFE is absolutely significant. Free TAFE is driving a better future for so many across this state. Our FairPlay vouchers are ensuring that those at the lower end of the scale are being looked after. Those people who need it are getting it. Then we have our SwimStart program which is assisting people.

These are the things that work. These are the things that we are happy to debate. We are happy to have a debate. Anybody who would even watch—what was that movie?

Mrs Mullen: *Top Gun.*

Mr HEALY: *Top Gun.* Wow! I thought it was a horror movie the way it was being portrayed. These are the things that we would like to talk about. We would like to debate some of these issues, but, no, you come in here with these disgraceful, time-wasting motions—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Comments through the chair.

Mr HEALY: Those opposite come in here with these motions that mean nothing except to entertain themselves and allow for personal attacks.

Mr Crandon interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, member for Coomera!

Mr HEALY: They are allowing personal attacks because in the absence of details and in the absence of policies the only thing they have is personal attacks, and they go after individuals because that is the calibre of people they are. They do not have a policy; they do not have a strategy. As we get closer to the election, the people of Queensland and the media will want to know: what is their strategy?

Mr Crandon interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, member for Coomera!

Mr HEALY: They talk about integrity. Their leader stood up in the Cairns Convention Centre and gave an ironclad commitment and then he flew down here and backflipped. When we are talking about integrity, when we are talking about being honest and all of those sorts of things, I would encourage those opposite to have a good long hard look at themselves. That aside, the fact that we are improving and we are making significant efforts in putting downward pressure on crime—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr HEALY: You just need to relax; you could blow a valve. The important thing—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member for Coomera is warned.

Mr HEALY: Excellent. Anyway—

(Time expired)