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 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (5.15 pm): I want to continue the theme that the deputy opposition leader began—that is, why would those opposite want to debrand? Why would they want to distance themselves from a brand that after the weekend is now officially toxic? It is officially toxic. Who would believe a 30 per cent loss of primary votes in the seat of Inala? Who would believe a swing of 18 per cent in Ipswich West to bring that seat back to the LNP? Who would believe that? The only two people happier than this side of the House about those results are the health minister and Anastacia Palaszczuk! They are the only two who are happier than we are—sitting back, rubbing their hands saying, 'We told you so.' Let us think about who might be leaking from the cabinet. I wonder who would benefit by leaks from the cabinet.

Is it any wonder that those opposite continue to want to distance themselves from this Labor Party when they constantly hear the comments and the gaffs from the new leadership team? Did members notice that the distancing and the debranding only happened once the new leadership team came into place, and is it any wonder when we hear some of the things that they say—some very serious things? On the weekend the Premier was at my local footy club at Mitchy when he was interviewed about how he felt about the weekend, and what did he say? He said that the LNP has done very well in sensationalising and politicising crime. That is an absolute insult to those victims of crime.

My question is this: which crime have we sensationalised? Which crime? Was it Emma Lovell's tragic death at North Lakes? Was it the tragic deaths of Matthew Field and Kate Leadbetter at Redlands? Was it the tragic death of Vyleen White at Redbank about which the Premier also said that that crime could not have been prevented? Is it any wonder that those opposite are trying to debrand when we get comments like that from the insensitive Premier? Then we have the Treasurer and deputy leader, Cameron 'Tin Ears' Dick, who cannot hear—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Pause the clock. Resume your seat please, member. I will take some advice. Member for Everton, as an experienced member of this House you know that you use correct titles. I would ask you to use correct titles and I would ask you to withdraw that.

Mr MANDER: I withdraw. This is a Treasurer who is totally tone deaf and despite those massive swings on the weekend he came out that night in his presser and started rolling out the old speaking points, but no-one understands what the heck he is talking about—

An opposition member: Progressive coal royalties.

Mr MANDER:—like progressive coal royalties, preference deals, things that have no relevance to the everyday Queenslanders, but this is what he does. When he is not polishing the Binna Burra bell in his study, he is rolling out these talking points which mean absolutely nothing.

Then we have Minister Grace. I cannot believe what she said yesterday—I think it was during question time—when we asked about the tragic case of Russell Bates and the Logan Hospital. That was an absolute tragedy and her comment was, 'These things happen.' The same minister said that youth crime will always be with us. There is absolutely no empathy or respect for victims of crime and victims of a failed health system.

They will continue to run from this brand. It will get worse and worse as long as this government continues. They will continue to leak. What happened this week with the leak from cabinet of discussions about whether or not they should cancel the Olympics is nearly unprecedented. It shows that the rats are leaving a sinking ship. They are ready to jump off as quickly as they can. The infighting is happening.

There is nothing truer than what the member for Maroochydore said in her question this morning: the 'hunger games' are on. Who will survive at the end? After only a couple of months of a new leader we hear a murmur that they might change leaders again. Is it any wonder they are running away from the brand? It is chaos, it is chaotic, it is a crisis, it is getting worse and worse—and October cannot come soon enough.