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Ms ASIF (Sandgate—ALP) (9.12 pm): Eight months after taking office, the Crisafulli LNP government remains stuck in opposition mode. Their ministers have failed to make the crucial transition from criticism to governing, choosing instead to wage personal attacks in parliament and the media rather than develop meaningful policy. They ran a small-target campaign because they failed to use their time in opposition constructively, failing to develop real solutions to the critical challenges facing Queensland.

For years, they declared Queensland was in a health crisis. Eight months later, where is their plan to fix it? Instead of solutions, we have witnessed this government waging war on our hardworking nurses while slashing vital health infrastructure investments. Queenslanders enduring lengthy hospital wait times and healthcare shortages deserve better than the scapegoating of frontline health workers, the very people who kept us safe during the pandemic and who continue to deliver essential care every single day.

The transport portfolio is in complete chaos. We have a transport minister who is so disconnected from reality and his responsibilities that he literally forgot he was the transport minister during question time today. Meanwhile, the Deputy Premier openly admits that Olympic transport connections have no plans but will cost the taxpayers 'a lot'. This is not leadership; this is the complete abdication of responsibility for the critical infrastructure that will define Queensland's future.

As Queensland families struggle with the rising cost of living and mounting pressures on household budgets, what does this government deliver? Absolutely nothing. What has been made clear is that we will see a budget that is completely devoid of meaningful cost-of-living relief. Where are the measures to ease the burden on working families? Where is the plan to make lives easier for ordinary Queenslanders? Instead, we have a housing minister who is creating confusion and anxiety amongst some of our most vulnerable Queenslanders. There are people in my electorate in social housing who do not know whether they will have a roof over their heads. One day they are told a certain eligibility criteria and threatened with eviction. Next, the minister backflips under pressure telling everyone there is nothing to see here; it is business as usual.

Queenslanders deserve so much better than this chaos. This LNP government has no economic vision for Queensland's future, no plan for jobs and no plan for industry development. They are more interested in looking after their mates rather than creating jobs and opportunities for everyday Queenslanders. Make no mistake: the truth is, this is not a serious government. They are not serious people running a serious government. Queensland deserves so much better. This LNP government is completely overwhelmed by the basic responsibility of governing. Queenslanders cannot afford a government that is this far out of its depth. They deserve action, vision and competence.