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 **Ms MULLEN** (Jordan—ALP) (2.19 pm): When my children were young and learning to read, we would practise our active verbs. Members would know them—run, walk, jump. For example, I might say, 'The member for Kawana talks for an incredibly long time.' The active verb is 'talks'. When the Crisafulli LNP government released their first 100 days report card, I read it with great interest and was hoping to see some of these strong active verbs—words like 'complete' and 'finish'. What have we got? We have 'got 'begin'; there is a lot of 'begin work'. They do not finish anything in 100 days, just 'begin'. We have 'start', which is the same as 'begin'. We have 'commence', which is also the same. Let me see what else. 'Meet'—that is so active! I think I have done 100 days of 'meet' as well. 'Hold'—I think that one has everyone excited but, hang on, no, it just says 'hold our first LNP cabinet meeting'. That is just another way of saying 'meet'. We have 'refocus', 'publish' and my favourite 'ease'—maybe it should be 'easy', which is what this government seems to be doing if this week is any example. They are taking it easy.

I also have a few choice active verbs for the new LNP government and I promise they are all parliamentary: 'fail'—despite all the promises and commitments made to the people of Queensland, it is clear that the LNP's rushed youth crime laws are failing, with youth crime up since they were enacted; 'forget'—forget to include rape and attempted murder in their youth crime laws, an omission made stark by recent events; 'blame'—blame each other for forgetting to include rape and attempted murder in their youth crime laws; 'inflate'—inflate midyear budget figures that even independent ratings agency S&P Global say are clearly overcooked and politically motivated and which have now led to a downgrade; 'overstate'—overstate the cost and timeframe of Cross River Rail by adding 30 years of maintenance cost projections and independent certification refuted by the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator; 'hide'—hide cabinet documents, and we have barely seen any, so either it is a very light cabinet agenda or they are simply not releasing those documents—where is the sunshine now? and 'deflect'—something the LNP government is desperate to do as it becomes clearer each and every day that governing is hard, they are not up to it and they have no real forward agenda for the people of Queensland.

After all that, the worst aspect and the most disappointing is that in 100 days the LNP is employing the grossest of tactics—again, to deflect from their lack of any real vision for this state. Whilst I think tabling secret photographs of other members has backfired badly—and I would encourage everyone to read Caleb Bond's news.com article today—it is hardly surprising from the LNP. I will leave the House with one more active verb—'fight'—because on this side of the House we are not going to be intimidated by their creepy photos. We are going to fight for our communities.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Lister): Order! The House will come to order. When no member has the call, the Speaker does—in fact, the Speaker does at all times. There will be silence in between members being on their feet to speak.