



Speech By
Hon. David Janetzki


MEMBER FOR TOOWOOMBA SOUTH

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**APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) (SUPPLEMENTARY 2023-2024) BILL;
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Resumed from 12 March (see p. 400), on motion of Mr Janetzki—

That the bills be now read a second time.

 **Hon. DC JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership) (3.43 pm), continuing: It is wonderful to be able to finish my contribution. My rhythm after 27 minutes last night was interrupted, but I have three minutes left. I note that the shadow treasurer is that disrespecting of the appropriation bills that she managed to get herself kicked out of the House right when she needs to speak. The shadow treasurer, who is due to be speaking in 2½ minutes on the appropriation bills and apparently trying to—

Mr de BRENNI: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The Treasurer, I am sure, has been around this place long enough to know the convention on the mentioning of the absence of members. We had a conversation earlier about this minute and a half and I think he is well out of order.

Mr SPEAKER: Treasurer, confine your contribution to the bill.

Mr JANETZKI: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I look forward to those opposite trying to defend their legacy because if this bill has taught us anything, it is the last sorry chapter of the fiscal vandalism story of those opposite that they brought to and wreaked havoc on this state. We finally revealed in Labor's last budget update the \$218 billion debt and the nearly \$10 billion in interest costs at the end of the forwards. That is their legacy. I look forward to hearing them defend it. Some \$9 billion in unforeseen expenditure—11.6 per cent beyond the original appropriation. It is 11.6 per cent above the original appropriation—\$9 billion. That is how bad their management of the Queensland budget was.

Of all the numbers I mentioned last night, there was one that I forgot which tells the tale of their long-term deceit in respect of the Queensland budget. Over the first nine years of the former Labor government, expenses grew at an average of 6.6 per cent. Across the forwards in the 2023-24 budget, they would have had Queenslanders believe that, across the four years, expense growth would have been 1.4 per cent. If there is one number that shows the depth of their deceit, it is that those opposite, when they were in government, knew that expenses grew at 6.6 per cent for the first nine years, but in their last budget they pretended they were going to grow at 1.4 per cent for the next four years. That is it in a microcosm—their lack of respect for taxpayer money and that they would say and do anything to hang onto power. Thankfully, the Queensland people saw through it. Notwithstanding everything that the former government did to try to hang onto power, the Queensland people saw through it. My only hope is that those opposite are never again trusted with the state's finances again.