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 **Hon. DC JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership) (12.53 pm): I thank the Governance, Energy and Finance Committee and all committees for their detailed examination of the Crisafulli government's first budget. I was pleased to appear before the Governance, Energy and Finance Committee to discuss my portfolio areas of Treasury, home ownership and energy.

As I said in my opening statement, this budget is delivering the fresh start that Queenslanders voted for, that honours our election commitments and that lays the foundation to repair a decade of fiscal vandalism under Labor while saving the jobs and services that the former government did not budget for. I had hoped that, a month after it was handed down, the opposition may have finally done some work and come up with some tough questioning on our first budget. Better yet, I had hoped that finally they would have made their mea culpa and found a way to apologise to the people of Queensland for a decade of decline. However, the member for Waterford and her colleagues did not apologise.

I want to take some time to look at the statement of reservation handed down by those opposite, because Labor attempted to spin the reality—again claiming that we are not continuing to provide relief on energy bills or car registration. The fact is that in their last budget those opposite put nothing—not one dollar—in the forward estimates towards energy rebates or the car registration discount. In fact, we know that they spent more on advertising on the back of the budget papers—those discounts turned rebates—than they actually put in the forward estimates themselves. They even admitted it in the budget papers for their last budget. They called those measures 'temporary elevated levels of assistance' or 'temporary relief measures' that would be 'wound back'. That is what they did. That is the wording from a budget that the member for Waterford signed off on and one that she called a 'great Labor budget', but now, along with the members for Woodridge and Murrumba, she is walking away from her own record.

In contrast, let us look at our record. We have provided targeted, timely, responsible and recurrent cost-of-living relief through a 3.8 per cent increase for 600,000 vulnerable households that rely on the energy rebate, the \$200 Play On! vouchers and the \$100 Back to School Boost, but it is not just that. Labor again sought to peddle the narrative around government indexation rates, despite our increase being in line with Labor's last increase and lower than that in Labor's first four years in office.

When the member for Woodridge announced their 3.4 per cent government indexation rating, he said that it was set in line with wages growth. The rate for 2025-26 is below wages growth, which is currently at 3.6 per cent in Queensland. The member for Waterford returned to her claim that the \$23 billion in allowances we made at MYFER for legacy issues and underfunded services across government was not in the budget. As I have said repeatedly, she needs to work harder because we have actually added \$30.3 billion in expenditure between 2025-26 and 2027-28 compared to the last budget handed down by those opposite. It is not \$23 billion; it is \$30.3 billion.

I will turn very briefly to my portfolio of home ownership, which the member for Sandgate just mentioned. It was a bizarre performance from the member for Gaven, who was unable to ask any questions whatsoever in relation to my portfolio. Most of the questions she asked were, in fact, for the housing minister. The member for Gaven had not done the work necessary to understand the administrative arrangements. A cursory glance at those administrative arrangements would have made clear for her the appropriateness of the question she was asking.

It was another embarrassing performance from the member for Bundamba in relation to the energy portfolio. It is clear that our government is focused on delivering an energy road map, an energy policy and energy settings that are based on engineering and economics, not ideology. Labor neglected our energy system and presided over the failed maintenance program that led to the C4 outage that lasted for 1,193 days. We are fixing the mess they left behind. Our \$1.6 billion Electricity Maintenance Guarantee is restoring reliability to our state owned generators.

We will always focus on what matters to the people of Queensland. I want to thank the committee secretariat, the public servants, the finance minister and everybody who made a contribution to the estimates process. I thank the committee for their hard work.