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 **Mr BAROUNIS** (Maryborough—LNP) (12.14 pm): It gives me great pleasure to rise and deliver my first response to the 2025-26 parliament estimates hearing. The budget estimates process is a vital part of our parliamentary democracy. It allows for public scrutiny of proposed government spending through direct questions to the Speaker and other parliamentary officials. This process is not just about numbers; it is also about transparency, accountability and, above all, respect for the hardworking taxpayers of Queensland.

Under the former government, Queenslanders endured nine long years when transparency was, at best, questionable. The people of this state deserve to know where, how, when and why their money is being spent. That principle lies at the very heart of good governance. The Crisafulli LNP government has nothing to hide—a stark contrast to the previous Labor government. Queenslanders are not naive. They know when information is being withheld. That is exactly why we are on this side of the chamber.

On 24 June 2025 the Hon. David Janetzki MP, Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership, introduced the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2025 into the House. That bill was referred to the Governance, Energy and Finance Committee for detailed examination. The Treasurer has delivered a clear and comprehensive vision for the future of Queensland. There is nothing but good news for Queensland. The Hon. David Janetzki has outlined the objectives of the Treasury team. The Treasurer outlined the need for the state government to deliver projects that are the most cost effective for the taxpayers of Queensland.

In October 2024, the people of Queensland voted for change and a fresh start. I am proud to say that that is exactly what they are getting with our Crisafulli LNP government. The opposition may be uncomfortable with being reminded of their record—even embarrassed—but that is not our concern. Our government's focus is on delivering for Queenslanders with integrity, with competence and with transparency. The Crisafulli LNP government is delivering for Queensland. I would also like to thank all of the staff who are working here at the parliament. I commend the bill to the House.