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 **Ms LINARD** (Nudgee—ALP) (2.12 pm): It has been just over 100 days since the LNP government was elected and what a disappointing 100 days it has been for Queenslanders. The people of Queensland were promised a fresh start—a government of accountability and transparency, a government that mean what they say and do what they promise, a government that value an empowered and respected Public Service. Those are their words—all direct quotes.

Promises matter and memories are much longer than the new government is giving Queenslanders credit for. As much as the Premier and Deputy Premier might hope that Queenslanders are talking about their extraordinary achievements to date—including having a meeting, directing departments to do some things and starting work on a tender—what Queenslanders are actually talking about is how in its first 100 days the government: gagged the parliament from discussing women's reproductive rights; cut the Truth-telling and Healing Inquiry without a modicum of respect and dignity for the chair or elders; cut pill testing; banned access to public health services for trans young people; rammed youth justice laws through the parliament without consultation with stakeholders, service providers or victims; were called out by S&P Global Ratings agency for exaggerating budget estimates for political pointscoring; and refused to release cabinet documents. 'Lazy or incompetent?' the news coverage asked. I think both.

The government unceremoniously marched 10 directors-general from their offices—they were met in the car park by security—without warning or the respect due to any public servant or worker. If those opposite think there are only 10 people out there reflecting on the disgusting way the government treated them, they do not know the Public Service and the way that every detail of how this new LNP government treated those 10 'empowered, respected and homegrown' public servants—their words—reverberated through the tens of thousands of public servants in their respective departments. That is a true reflection of just some of what they have really accomplished in their first 100 days. Print that list on your oversized corflutes and put green ticks beside it, because that is the real story.

The sad reality is that some elections are won on hope, some on fear and some on a single policy vision or response. The new government has the unenviable record of having won an election on slogans. The problem with slogans is that, while they might be catchy, memorable or even clever, they lack substance. We are now seeing the result of a lack of substance from those opposite. There are no policies, no plans and no vision. Queensland deserves better.