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 **Mr KING** (Kurwongbah—ALP) (3.42 pm): I rise today to speak to the Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee's report No. 17, *Oversight of the Office of the Queensland Integrity Commissioner*. The report summarises the committee's oversight into the Office of the Queensland Integrity Commissioner for the 2023-24 financial year. I note the chair's acknowledgement for the volume of work that was conducted in this time period under the then Labor government.

For those who do not know here is what the Office of the Queensland Integrity Commissioner does: it provides confidential advice on ethics and integrity issues to ministers, members of parliament, ministerial chiefs of staff, senior public servants and statutory officeholders; it provides advice to the Premier where requested on standards settings for ethics or integrity issues—I will come back to this point. The Office of the Queensland Integrity Commissioner maintains the Queensland lobbying register and has responsibility for registering lobbyists. It promotes public awareness on integrity issues and provides education and training to government representatives, opposition representatives and registered lobbyists about lobbying regulation in Queensland.

After a year in the job it does not seem like the Premier and his ministers have availed themselves much of the QIC's ability to provide advice on standard settings for ethics and integrity. If they had, perhaps I would not be hearing from concerned Queenslanders asking why they do not have cheaper energy, rego, groceries or petrol—

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order on relevance in relation to the report that we are discussing in the chamber today.

Mr KING: I draw your attention to the Speaker's ruling in question time yesterday. The health minister's answer to the opposition minister was challenged but it was ruled in order because the minister was talking about a body; in that case I believe the Royal College of Surgeons was mentioned. I am talking about the body that is the Office of the Queensland Integrity Commissioner, which is the subject of this report and their functions.

Mr HUNT: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to reinforce the point of order on relevance. I was the chair of the committee. The committee report does not deal with these subjects. Just because we mentioned the word 'integrity' it does not open up a wide range of things for the opposition to talk about.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Furner): I will seek some advice. Member for Kurwongbah, despite the fact the report is on the Integrity Commissioner, if you can draw the parallel between your comments around something that occurred in question time to the report that would be helpful for the House.

Mr KING: I will move on. I have a professional interjector over there, the member for Nanango, so we will move on.

Mrs Frecklington interjected.

Mr KING: I am not taking your interjections by the way! Over its first year in respect of integrity, we have seen the LNP promise a top job to a hardworking doctor and then backflip on that commitment. Will we see that in the next report?

Mr HUNT: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order on relevance. That is not in the report. He is deliberately being disorderly by straying into areas that have nothing to do with the inquiry.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Kurwongbah, once again, I ask you to remain relevant to the report. I have given you some latitude.

Mr KING: I will. I know it is difficult for the LNP to hear about integrity. They did talk a lot about it when they were in opposition. Hopefully they will learn something from the report about the functions of the office that is available to educate ministers and members about integrity, provide advice on how to put integrity first in the running of government, as well as how to restore and maintain public confidence in the government's integrity because the pub test is a real thing.

I will conclude with my thanks to everyone at the Office of the Queensland Integrity Commissioner for the valuable work they did in 2023-24, the work they have done since and the work they will continue to do to keep integrity at the forefront of government. I commend the report to the House.