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 **Hon. TJ NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (2.20 pm): After that diabolical diatribe from a try-hard who could not make it in Greenslopes and had to move to Woodridge, I am looking forward to having the call. The old door locker over there would not even allow his ministerial department to come in and look at his desk. He was so paranoid he put a keypad lock on the door between his office and his ministerial office. That is the history of the member for Woodridge. We all know the member for Woodridge, and all of his colleagues over there know the member for Woodridge. We remember the former member for Bundamba, Jo-Ann Miller, who said, 'Come on, Cameron, we know what you are really after,' and what he is after is now out of his reach. It is so tantalisingly close—just one step away—but it is not coming his way, because the member for Waterford is sitting there ready to go. That is the history of the member for Woodridge. When the going gets tough, what does the member for Woodridge do? He leaves his old electorate and tries to find another safer one.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr McDonald): Order! Members, order!

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Members for Pine Rivers, Logan and Lytton, you all continued to interject after I had called the House to order. You are all warned.

Mr NICHOLLS: What do we see from the most well paid, laziest Leader of the Opposition, the member for Murrumba, who is under pressure, under the pump and underperforming? He spends more time correcting his Facebook posts than he does actually developing a policy. We have heard no policies from those over there. They have been in office a year and we have heard absolutely nothing. What we have heard is a total lack of respect for the hardworking clinicians who work in our health facilities across the state providing services to hundreds of thousands of Queenslanders across the state. Both the Leader of the Opposition and the member for Miller have a record of being forced to apologise in this place for misleading this House in relation to statements they make trashing and traducing the reputation of hardworking clinicians across the state. Whether it is around the provision of perinatal and mental health services or the delivery of our hospital and health services, they and others are forced to stand up and apologise for misleading the House.

This morning in question time we saw the most recent example of the opposition not respecting our health workers and undermining the public's confidence in Queensland's health system. The Leader of the Opposition tabled a document that had been heavily redacted. That is a copy of the document that has already been tabled. That document has been heavily altered by the Leader of the Opposition. It is not the redacted document that was provided; it is a changed redacted document that has been tabled in here. It is not the document that was provided. That, again, is the Leader of the Opposition

playing fast and loose with the truth in this place. That is the style of the Leader of the Opposition. He sought to weaponise a family's genuine distress for base political purposes, and it is not the first time. We have seen them attempt this before and we have also seen it happen with the member for Miller who, having been granted an inspection of the Toowoomba Hospital and health service and having been provided the whole tour and information, stood up and misrepresented facts and figures. He has so far failed to fulsomely apologise and has only done so in a mealy-mouthed manner by posting an apology to his 800 followers on Bluesky—not on the Facebook post that he posted initially. It is a mealy-mouthed apology by an underperforming shadow health minister under an underperforming opposition leader.

It is in the public interest that the people of Ipswich have confidence in the delivery of health services and given the opposition leader brought the tragic case of Ms Christine White to this House, I call on the Leader of the Opposition to table the document without the selective edits. He is proud enough to do it with his selective edits. Does he have the ticker to actually table the release as it was provided to him? He should have the ticker that he does not show in this place to even attempt.