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MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Crisafulli LNP Government, Achievements

 **Hon. TJ NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (2.42 pm): There are a number of matters of public importance that I want to raise this afternoon and they relate to the good administration of this state. After a 12-month period of delivery by the Crisafulli LNP government, what are we faced with from those opposite in terms of drive, determination and policy alternatives? We are faced with nothing new. Twelve months down, those opposite have not learned anything new. We have had whingeing, we have had whining and we have had complaining, but have they actually made the effort to do something and promote an alternative policy?

I am concerned for the people of Queensland because I think it is killing season. Christmas is coming. We know that around Christmas time the turkeys get worried as the knives get sharpened. We saw it happen with Annastacia Palaszczuk and I reckon it is happening already. The only question is how many of the turkeys opposite are going to be dressed for the Christmas table. We have had the member for Murrumba, whose own team say lacks the drive: 'We don't know if his heart's in it. We're not sure whether he's up to it.' They know him better than I do. They are the best judges of his capacity and ability.

I want to focus on the member for Miller. The turkeys might be gobbling but the chickens are worried and they are going to come home to roost over there. The member for Miller is not too sure what is going on because, when it comes to blunders, he is the king of the blunderers in this place. He is forced to apologise to this House for not getting his facts right around perinatal mental health beds. He is forced to apologise in this House for failing to obey the courtesies of this House. He refuses to apologise for confusing the number 42 with the number 3 in relation to the Toowoomba Hospital and making false statements with regard to the pausing of surgery there.

I do have a modicum of sympathy for the member for Miller. I know he is being strident. I know he does not work past 10 o'clock. I know he has been loitering around the halls of the PA Hospital. The staff ring up and say, 'Who is this person? What is he doing here?' He is not adding a sum total to the delivery of health services, that is for sure. He is supposed to be working hard. As he said, everyone is entitled to take some leave from their job. We all believe that everyone is entitled to take some leave from their job, don't we? 'News Corp harassing Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk ... while she is on leave is just vile,' said the member for Miller. I thought that was interesting. He has some sympathy for people who go on leave. I looked a little further. On his Facebook page one of his correspondents said—

A very sad story, where is Tim Nicholls today, hiding probably

Fair enough; have your go. Mark Bailey's response was—

Evan ... to be fair he's on leave Evan and I don't begrudge him that. Everyone is entitled to their leave.

I thank the member for Miller for his endorsement and his support, but I would have to say that he says one thing online and another thing in this place. The member for Miller has to be consistent. You have to have an alternative. Until we have a decent opposition who can hold an argument and who can put up a policy alternative, the people of Queensland, as is their right, are entitled to say, 'Where are they? What are they doing?' They have not learned from their mistakes. They are not going to get the support. No wonder the results are what they are when we see them in the paper.