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PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT

Fuel Security

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (2.33 pm): Nowhere else in the nation is the fuel crisis hitting harder than here in Queensland, and that is because the Crisafulli LNP government is sitting on its hands and doing nothing. That is why we have the highest fuel prices in the nation. Queenslanders are getting smashed and this government is doing nothing.

Yesterday, the incompetent energy minister was found out. Labor tabled in the House legislation that clearly outlines the powers that are available to the energy minister and the government to get fuel moving, to take action on fuel reserves and fuel supply, and to declare a fuel emergency. One would think that the minister, who clearly is not across his brief, would have looked at that legislation, got up this morning and acted. I thought I was going to wake up to the news that the Queensland government had actually started to use their powers under the fuel supply act. However, they have done nothing. Another day has gone by during which this minister has sat on his hands.

I can tell members what else this government could do. They could stand up a dedicated fuel security taskforce to help keep Queensland moving. They could bring together all the key players from across government, industry, business and all the different sectors. Why don't they establish an industry operational group and start managing our domestic fuel supply? Best of all, why don't they vote for Labor's transport affordability bill? Yesterday every single government member voted against the motion for that bill to be declared urgent. Those same people voted for 22 other bills, in this parliament alone, to be declared urgent such as the Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Bill; the Trusts Bill, which is probably urgent for the member for Pumicestone; the Defamation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill—very urgent; and electoral laws—very urgent. However, when it comes to capping fuel prices for Queenslanders, no, that is not urgent. They do not want to take any action whatsoever.

About 10 minutes ago, the member for Warrego stood up and continued to blame the federal government. I tell you what, member for Warrego: why don't you knock on the door of the energy minister and say, 'Use the powers that you have under Queensland laws'? Get up. Do something. Do some work. Yesterday, the members for Barron River, Hinchinbrook and Mirani were talking about how urgent and how bad it is in their communities. I say to the member for Mirani: why don't you get Gloria the chicken to put on your to-do list talking to the energy minister?