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MEMBER: Mr LANGBROEK

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 **Mr LANGBROEK** (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (2.53 pm): I want to speak today about the 2018 Commonwealth Games to be held on the Gold Coast, the biggest sporting event in Australia this decade, and in opposition we supported it when Anna Bligh went over to St Kitts and won the games. What we did not know then is that they were not funded by that Labor government. On coming to government we then had a \$2 billion black hole that had been added to the \$85 billion of debt that was bequeathed to Queenslanders by Anna Bligh and Labor.

What did we set about doing? We had the then deputy premier, the treasurer and the minister for the Commonwealth Games who set about getting the finances right, because that is what we do on this side. We made sure that we were getting right the planning, the finances, the facilities and the sports, not like the current Premier who had a suggestion that we should make beach volleyball a demonstration sport when the Commonwealth Games Federation did not even support it and now beach volleyball has had to be added to the games at a significant cost.

We all know that transport and security are amongst the most important issues for the games. When it came to the roads network the member for Indooroopilly, our transport minister, came down and promised significant road upgrades, at Royal Pines and at Bundall Road. That is happening now, affecting the electorates of the members for Southport and Mermaid Beach, my own electorate of Surfers Paradise as well as all Gold Coast members. That is what we were doing. We were planning, making sure that we had an increased sense of confidence on the Gold Coast, which we still see because of the property boom that is happening in the south that is also coming to Queensland. That is also due to the infrastructure spend of this government which was because of the promises that we made. We are not seeing that in other parts of Queensland. Labor are doing their utmost to undermine confidence on the Gold Coast by winding back bikie laws and by doing everything they can to stymie a cruise ship terminal.

When it comes to the construction of the Commonwealth Games precinct, today we are seeing that whilst we are looking for a thousand people to work in various parts of the Commonwealth Games on the administrative side and on the promotion side, we have union workers, as promoted in the *Gold Coast Bulletin*—and I will table a copy of it—

Tabled paper: Front page of the Gold Coast Bulletin, dated 25 May 2016, with the headline 'Bludgers – Working flat out for Commonwealth Games success'.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you. Just table it, please. You know the rule in relation to props.

Mr LANGBROEK: I am, Mr Speaker.

Mr SPEAKER: No, you will table it or you will sit down. Table it and proceed.

Mr LANGBROEK: Mr Speaker—

Mr WATTS: I rise to a point of order.

Mr LANGBROEK: Can you stop the clock, please?

Mr SPEAKER: Okay. What is your point of order?

Mr WATTS: I would like to have the prop that was used by the Minister for Main Roads also tabled.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you, members.

Mr LANGBROEK: I rise to a point of order. I make the point that the Minister for Disability Services had a prop earlier in her ministerial statement and it was not tabled, either. So we are having inconsistency—

Mr SPEAKER: I am not going to have an argument now. I have made a ruling in relation to—

Mr LANGBROEK: All we would like is some consistency, Mr Speaker.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Surfers Paradise, resume your seat. You either table the document you were using as a prop—

Mr LANGBROEK:—which I have.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you. You can now continue with your contribution. Member for Surfers Paradise, kindly withdraw the inference on the chair.

Mr LANGBROEK: I withdraw.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you. You can now continue.

Mr LANGBROEK: This week we have a thousand workers being sought in various aspects of the Commonwealth Games. We have a thousand CFMEU workers having a prawn and crab bludge for two hours a day, twice a day at the Commonwealth Games precinct site. Peter Beattie, the hand-picked chair, says he cannot do anything about it. The Treasurer says he cannot do anything about it. It is up to Anastacia Palaszczuk, the Premier, to ask these union workers to stop having a nap, stop coming the raw prawn and get on with the job.