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SUBJECT: PRIVILEGE

MEMBER: Mrs LAUGA

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PRIVILEGE

Alleged Deliberate Misleading of the House by Members

 **Mrs LAUGA** (Keppel—ALP) (11.29 am): I rise on a matter of privilege suddenly arising. I refer to the private member's motion moved by the member for Kawana last night regarding air conditioning in state schools. I also refer to page 498 of *Hansard*—and I table a copy—which outlines the two questions that were put at the end of that motion.

Tabled paper: Extract (page 498) from record of proceedings, dated 27 February 2019.

The first question put was 'that the amendment be agreed to.' The amendment which the Minister for Education moved deleted all words after 'House' and inserted—

calls on the LNP opposition to explain how they intend to fund and implement the LNP's plan to air-condition every Queensland state school classroom.

The question was resolved in the affirmative. The second question put was 'that the motion, as amended, be agreed to.' This was resolved in the affirmative also. At no stage was there a question put in relation to the original motion put forward by the member for Kawana, and as such the government did not vote against any motion last night.

Standing order 266(13) states that it is contempt of parliament to publish a false or misleading account of the proceedings before the House. As such, I will be writing to the Speaker to ask that he consider referring the following members to the Ethics Committee: the Leader of the Opposition and member for Nanango; the member for Mudgeeraba; the member for Coomera; the member for Surfers Paradise; the member for Glass House; the member for Toowoomba North; the member for Pumicestone—

Mr McARDLE: I rise to a point of order. This does not qualify as a matter of privilege. The member is making a speech to the House. She is making a statement clearly articulating what she wants to say in her own patch. This is not a matter of privilege. If she wants to write, she should write; not argue the point—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Whiting): Thank you, member for Caloundra, I understand your point of order, which is also not an invitation to debate.

Hon. YM D'ATH: Mr Deputy Speaker, in relation to the point of order can I stay that it is not a point of order: it is privilege. The member for Keppel is outlining what the issue is that she is writing to the Speaker about. She has the right to outline the issue that she is going to write to the Speaker about. She is not debating the issue.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: I find no point of order, but I understand that the member for Keppel is coming to the end of her explanation.

Mrs LAUGA:—the member for Kawana, the member for Gympie, the member for Oodgeroo and the member for Burnett for publishing or republishing a false record of proceedings, that being the publication of a social media graphic saying 'Labor just voted against the LNP's plan to air condition every state school classroom,' and I table copies of the social media post.

Tabled paper: Bundle of screenshots from Facebook pages in the name of various Members regarding vote on LNP's plan to aircondition state school classrooms.