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SUBJECT: Federal-State Funding

MEMBER: Mrs LAUGA

### Federal-State Funding

**Mrs LAUGA:** My question is to the Premier and Minister for Trade. Will the Premier inform the House whether Queensland is getting its fair share from the Morrison government?

**Ms PALASZCZUK:** What a great question from the member for Keppel. We know that Queensland is not at all getting its fair share from the Morrison government. We know how important Central Queensland is to the economy. Yesterday I spoke about record exports from our state. Rocky is the beef cattle of Australia. In the year to March, beef exports from Queensland increased from \$1 billion to \$5.8 billion. We are doing our part by injecting \$946,000 to reinstate the Yeppoon branch line to the JBS meatworks. I remember going out there with the member for Keppel and talking about that. That is an example of government and business working together. In this state, we get on with the job of working with everybody in the best interests of Queenslanders.

Unfortunately, that is not the case with the Morrison government. This Saturday, Queenslanders have a great opportunity to send the Morrison government a very clear message by voting them out. The clearest way to send a message is to vote them out.

When it comes to health funding, Queensland has not been given its fair share. We are owed more than \$300 million. When it comes to infrastructure, yesterday I told the House that we are not getting our fair share. Wouldn't it be wonderful if Queensland received the same amount of money that the Morrison government gives to New South Wales and Victoria? Imagine what we could do for regional Queensland! We also know that the federal Labor candidate in Capricornia has committed \$20 million to fix Laurie Street at Gracemere, but we have heard nothing from Scott Morrison. It is very hard.

Over the past nine months—indeed, over the past six years—we have seen complete chaos in Canberra. We have seen a procession of people such as Abbott and Peter Dutton involved in leadership coups. Wouldn't it be wonderful if on Saturday the people of Dickson sent Peter Dutton a clear message by voting him out?

**Mr Mander:** Ali France will go against me after she loses.

**Ms PALASZCZUK:** I think she will be the federal member. Let us wait and see. I am happy to take a bet.

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In all seriousness, Queensland has been duded. All I can say about the LNP is if only for once they stood up for Queensland and said that Queensland deserves its fair share. I know that the member for Rockhampton, the member for Keppel and the member for Gladstone will always stand up for Central Queensland—part of the economic powerhouse of Queensland. We will continue to fight the good fight.