



Speech By **Andrew Powell**

MEMBER FOR GLASS HOUSE

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Queensland Rail, Rolling Stock

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (2.45 pm): Not only can this government not run the trains; we get another reminder that it cannot even deliver the trains. This is from the mob that brought us such classics as trains without seats and trains that could not even fit in tunnels. It has all fallen to pieces under the Premier's own nose, and she knows it is all Labor's own doing.

In 2015 the Deputy Premier was trumpeting Labor's role in the New Generation Rollingstock project. In a press release she states—

These projects were initiated under a Labor Government, and we are proud to be delivering for commuters.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: I know it is always a bit willing during private members' statements, but I need to be able to hear the member, as does Hansard.

Mr POWELL: Now we see that she is trying to run a mile. Do not worry: the commuters of South-East Queensland can see right through her. In November last year the Premier's hand-picked acting CEO of Queensland Rail, Neil Scales, said—

... as far as the new generation rollingstock trains are concerned, all the issues in the cabs ... have been ironed out.

'Oh yeah, I fixed them,' he said. Back in June of last year the Deputy Premier said that she had confidence 'without doubt' in Neil Scales. What has changed? Commuters certainly do not have confidence in this transport minister in a hurry to be the Premier. The Premier's hand-picked director-general, Dave Stewart, headed Projects Queensland while the NGR deal was put together. Today, will the Premier order Dave to investigate Dave?

This morning and again in the House this afternoon, 'Bollywood Jackie' made some very pointed comments about the new trains being built in India. 'You get what you pay for,' 'Bollywood Jackie' said. Let me remind the Deputy Premier—

Mr HINCHLIFFE: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. It has been very clearly ruled on a number of occasions, including during yesterday's preliminary proceedings and question time, that members should refer to other members by the appropriate titles.

Mr SPEAKER: I would ask the member for Glass House to withdraw that comment and refer to members by the appropriate title.

Mr POWELL: I withdraw, but let me remind the Deputy Premier that Labor had no problems buying the Gold Coast trams from overseas—indeed, from the same company! I hope the Premier keeps that in the back of her mind as she heads off to India next week on her trade mission. On the one hand, we have the Premier calling for investment from India in Queensland, calling for Indian money

to be spent in this state, but back home the real Premier—Jackie Trad, the member for South Brisbane—is trashing India's ability to deliver on projects. That is surely why the Premier dumped her from the Trade portfolio. We know they did not have enough drivers for the NGR stock. We know they are recreating cubbyholes for guards because the Premier has told them to. We know that there is nothing—

(Time expired)