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**Mr TED O'BRIEN** (Fairfax) (13:47): With the national accounts released again today, we see the Australian economy is rock-solid and growing. But we have to remember, of course, that the strong economy we have is not the endgame by any stretch; it's the means by which we can deliver infrastructure and provide vital services. Take the Sunshine Coast, for instance. Unless we have a strong economy, we wouldn't be seeing \$3 billion being spent on the Bruce Highway. We wouldn't be seeing \$390 million on the North Coast line. We wouldn't be seeing a \$181 million concessional loan for the international airport. We wouldn't be seeing the record spending on hospitals, schools, bulk billing and the PBS. At the end of the day, a strong economy is what ensures we can deliver the infrastructure and have the services.

Those opposite haven't got a clue when it comes to the economy. They never have had. They've never known how to manage an economy.

**Mr Brian Mitchell:** Point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker.

**Mr TED O'BRIEN:** If you're unsure at all, then have a look at the Queensland Labor government.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER ( Mr Hogan ): The member will resume his seat. The member for Griffith on a point of order.

**Ms Butler:** I ask that the member for Lyons be given the opportunity to offer his point of order before it's ruled upon.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I obviously am aware that there has been a point of order called that the members of the opposition are not happy with. I take that. I will not be taking points of order for the remainder of the 90-second statements.