

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Rudd Government

Mr ROBERT (Fadden) (6.43 p.m.)—It is 12 months to the day since the class of 2007 was elected. It is interesting to see that the government have put out a 70-page taxpayer funded glossy brochure to highlight everything that they have done. What have the government done? When I look at my electorate, all I see is misery, pain, inaction and oblivion. In fact, not only have the government just done nothing; they have done less than nothing. They have obliterated the Regional Partnerships program, which leaves organisations in my electorate with no legitimate funding sources. What do I say to the Riding for the Disabled Association, which needs a new roof for its shelter? What do I say to Youth Point Connect and the Coomera and Oxenford youth centre—the only two youth centres in Fadden, which is the fastest growing electorate? What will I say to St Vincent de Paul, who are building homeless shelters? We do not have a single homeless shelter in Fadden—not a single one. What do I say to them? What do I say to businesses that are suffering? What do I say to women like Kay, who I sat next to at a dinner last Saturday night and whose savings have been frozen? She is one of the 270,000 Australians affected by the farce of the Rudd government's bank guarantee, which has so distorted the financial market. (*Time expired*)