

## Michael Meurer

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**From:** Greg Fowler  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 March 2015 11:52 AM  
**To:** Michael Meurer  
**Subject:** Mike Baird signals cancer drug charges will be dropped.

Does QH charge a co-payment for some cancer chemotherapy drugs?  
If so then this could be a future issues here.

Greg

### **Mike Baird signals cancer drug charges will be dropped.**

Nicole Hasham

**SYDNEY MORNING HERALD [ C-N239 ]** Date: 04/03/2015 Page: Online

NSW Premier Mike Baird has strongly indicated his government will drop chemotherapy fees charged to cancer patients if re-elected, saying a pledge by the state Opposition to scrap the payment "makes sense".

Speaking on ABC radio on Wednesday morning, Mr Baird was asked by a listener if he planned to match a promise by Labor leader Luke Foley to ease the financial burden on cancer patients and abandon the fee for essential chemotherapy drugs.

"We have been in strong discussions with the Cancer Council about this, it is something that we are considering, I give you that assurance," Mr Baird said, noting that patients in other states were not subject to the fee.

"Obviously we want to do everything we can to provide less pain to those undertaking chemotherapy [who are] in the battle of their lives.

"It's a proposal that has been put forward that makes sense from the Opposition, you won't hear that often from me, but on this one you do, and we are considering it seriously."

The Victorian government has already dropped the co-payment.

Labor's policy, which would cost \$6.2 million, would mean cancer patients in public hospitals, and private patients in rural areas, are not charged a co-payment for chemotherapy drugs.

Opposition health spokesman Walt Secord said at the weekend the co-payment, introduced by the O'Farrell government in 2012, cost some patients \$180 for initial treatment, and more if different drugs were used as treatment progressed.

As Fairfax Media reported, half of public cancer outpatients in NSW have household incomes below \$30,000.



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**From:** Greg Fowler  
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**To:** Michael Meurer  
**Subject:** RE: media enquiry on state-wide food safety

Mike  
We have not had a specific policy on food safety in the past though it is mentioned a key public health responsibility in the Labor Platform.

Not progressing this is another example of the ignorance of the LNP in health policy focussing almost exclusively on hospital services and ignoring PUBLIC HEALTH services at a population level. I know why the LNP did this and it is something we need to reverse, in staged process.

You should talk directly to the Chief Health Officer and her responsible staff member for food safety. The policy area crosses with local council. And requires negotiation with industry.

If you want some lines:

- The Minister is very concerned about the loss of public health functions within the Department of Health under the previous government. The front line population health services will be progressively restored.
- Food safety is a base public health function with a shared responsibility between the state government, local councils and the food and hospitality industry.
- "We will review the evidence for effective food safety strategies including the "Eat Safe" program to raise awareness in the community and with the hospitality industry."

Greg

UK  
<https://www.food.gov.uk/scotland/safetyhygienescot/eatsafescot>  
<http://www.eatsafe.gov.uk/>  
<http://www.couriermail.com.au/ipad/eat-safe-its-annoying-say-chefs/story-fn6ck45n-1226118090844>

**From:** Michael Meurer  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2015 8:45 AM  
**To:** Greg Fowler  
**Subject:** media enquiry on state-wide food safety

Hi Greg

I have been asked about the implementation of a state-wide food safety restaurant ranking system - known as 'scores on doors'.

There was support for this from then health Minister Geoff Wilson in 2011.

Legislation was passed in November 2011 but the system wasn't rolled out across the state I don't believe.

Here are previous stories for some context:

<http://www.couriermail.com.au/ipad/whine-lists-to-be-on-the-menu/story-fn6ck51p-1226167493016>

<http://ausfoodnews.com.au/2012/06/13/scores-on-doors-in-australian-expansion.html>

Do we have a position on this?

Regards,

**Michael Meurer**  
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Office of the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services  
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**From:** Brendan Connell  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 March 2015 8:53 AM  
**To:** Kerryn Manifold; @Media Advisors  
**Subject:** RE: HIBs

Hi folks... If there's a request with your name on it below and you haven't sent anything through, can you do so asap please.

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**From:** Kerryn Manifold  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 March 2015 5:44 AM  
**To:** @Media Advisors  
**Subject:** HIBs

Morning all. HIBs by 8.30am please. Please collaborate with other offices as appropriate. Some will just require updating.

Call me if there's any questions and enjoy your Monday.

Schools to get terror guards p.1 CM (Education/Police)

Fire Ants - ad on p.8 of CM (Agriculture)

Food vouchers- p.9 CM (deputy)

Health insurance p.9 CM (health)

Judge investigations - p.11 CM (AG)

CSG projects under scrutiny - BT (Mining/NRM)

**Kerryn Manifold**  
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**Office of the Queensland Premier**

*-Sent from my iPhone*

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**From:** Greg Fowler  
**Sent:** Monday, 9 March 2015 1:43 PM  
**To:** Michael Meurer  
**Subject:** My Legacy - Lolo Fakaosilea - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXji4wzoxsk>

500+ views today on this YouTube message for the "Good Start Program" #MyLegacy buy in from the Qld Reds. I believe this program has already spoke locally to the Minister in Logan.

The "Good Start Program" is a great diabetes prevention programs for Islander communities. The Reds managed to get the LNP to pick up state funding when Abbott cut the federal funding last year. Their funding renewal is due prior to the state budget.  
Greg

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**From:** Greg Fowler  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2015 1:01 PM  
**To:** Michael Meurer  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting with the Opposition

Positive feedback from the community sector on the Minister's interview on ABC radio. Muscular Dystrophy, Epilepsy Qld and Cystic Fibrous may request a collective meeting with the Minister / staff to discuss these funding issues.  
I am happy to participate if required.  
Greg

**From:** Helene Frayne [mailto: [REDACTED]@mdqld.org.au]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2015 12:21 PM  
**To:** Greg Fowler  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting with the Opposition

Dear Greg

Thank you so much for taking my call and discussing with me the really important issue of the loss of funding by Qld Health under the LNP government. You provided me with some great advice which I intend to take, so I will email Michael Carey asap.

I had a meeting this morning with a person from another small, specialist not for profit and he has just emailed to say that Cameron Dick was interviewed on the ABC. The issue of the loss of Qld Health funding came up and Cameron Dick gave similar messages to those which you gave to me i.e. that Qld Health was reviewing the NGOs who had lost health funding under the LNP. This is good news and evidence that the new government is really getting on top of the issues.

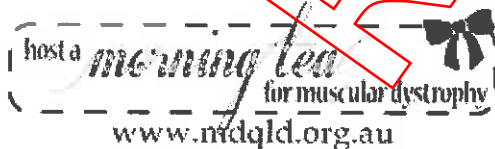
I really appreciate you taking my call this morning. Congratulations on the election result. It must be very exciting to be working at your level at a time like this.

Kind regards

Helene Frayne | CEO | MDQLD

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**From:** Greg Fowler  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2015 9:16 AM  
**To:** Michael Meurer  
**Subject:** HIB on latest TB case

Mike

Can you send through the last HIB on the TB case transferred from Townsville to LCCH please.

Can you also arrange for me to be added to the Health distribution list for all the HIBs.

Greg



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**From:** Greg Fowler  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 March 2015 10:18 AM  
**To:** Michael Meurer  
**Subject:** Ingham Health Service

[http://www.health.qld.gov.au/townsville/Facilities/ingham\\_hlth.asp](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/townsville/Facilities/ingham_hlth.asp)

I believe Townsville HHS is currently recruiting for community midwives.  
This may be normal turnover or an increased workforce for an expanded service.  
No concerns on the general principle.  
Greg

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**From:** Greg Fowler  
**Sent:** Sunday, 1 March 2015 2:41 PM  
**To:** Michael Meurer; Rebecca Fanning  
**Subject:** FW: Food poisoning outbreak

FYI only

**From:** Emma Smith <[Emma.Smith@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Emma.Smith@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>  
**Date:** 1 March 2015 2:37:23 pm AEST  
**To:** "@Premiers Media Advisors" <[PremiersMedia@min.internal](mailto:PremiersMedia@min.internal)>  
**Cc:** Don Wilson <[Don.Wilson@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Don.Wilson@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>, Verena McCarthy <[Verena.McCarthy@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Verena.McCarthy@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Food poisoning outbreak

Good afternoon,

Our office has been informed that some attendees of Friday's school principals' forum are experiencing food poisoning.

Initial reports suggest 19 people have been affected and 3 people have been to hospital.

I'll send through more information and some lines as details emerge.

Thanks,

Emma

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**From:** Kerry Manifold  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 March 2015 3:30 PM  
**To:** @Media Advisors; @Chiefs of Staff  
**Subject:** Townsville HIBs

Hi all...

Could I please have Townsville HIBs by COB today, including HIBs important to stakeholders as well as media.

Thanks



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**From:** Kerry Manifold  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2015 10:03 AM  
**To:** Michael Meurer; Matt Collins  
**Subject:** letter  
**Attachments:** letter.pdf



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Professor Tim Brailsford  
Chair  
Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal  
PO Box 15185  
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Dear Professor Brailsford

I am writing in relation to the *Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal Act 2013*. First, may I note the work that the Tribunal has performed in the Determinations that have been published thus far.

As you would no doubt have observed, I confirmed during the Queensland State election held in January 2015 that it was the intention of a Labor Government to legislate to give effect to our policy in relation to MP pay rises, and that under a Labor Government, future MP pay rises will be linked to public sector increases. This commitment appears in an article entitled '*Queensland Election 2015: MPs pay to be linked to public service wages: Labor*', written by Tony Moore and published on the Brisbane Times website on 12 January 2015. I enclose a copy of that article for your information.

I note that in making determinations pursuant to the *Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal Act 2013* (the Act), the Tribunal and Tribunal members must, pursuant to section 9 of the Act, act independently, impartially and fairly, and I commend the Tribunal members in the way they have observed this requirement.

There is, however, an expectation on the part of Queenslanders that the Government will ensure that its election commitment to limit the amount of any increase to the annual salary of a member to no more than the percentage increase by which the salary or wage of a public service employee is increased in the year is implemented.

That was my pledge, and I intend to honour that commitment. I therefore wish to advise the Tribunal that I will be introducing legislation into the Parliament to give effect to my government's election commitment. I will be looking into whether that legislation can be made retrospective, given my clear statements of intention.

I have every confidence in the work of the Tribunal and in the integrity of the Tribunal members, and have a great admiration for their conscientiousness in performing their obligations under the legislation. I therefore feel duty bound to advise that I will

be moving quickly to give legislative effect to my Government's policy, and I would be appreciative of the opportunity to consult with the Tribunal in the drafting of the necessary legislation.

Thank you for your work thus far on the Tribunal, and please pass on my sincere thanks to the other Tribunal members for their conscientious performance of their obligations.

Yours sincerely



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## Queensland Election 2015: MPs pay to be linked to public service wages: Labor

Tony Moore

Published: January 12, 2015 - 4:42PM

A minister's salary will be set to public sector wage increases under Labor, Opposition Leader Annastacia Palaszczuk says.

"Future MP pay rises will be linked to public sector increases," Ms Palaszczuk said.

"And I will legislate."

Ms Palaszczuk was asked if MP pay rises would go through the independent review process.

"We will legislate, and it will be linked to public sector increases," she repeated.

"And I challenge Campbell Newman to do exactly the same."

Overall public sector wages increases are between 2 and 3 per cent, although increases at senior contract level are higher.

This the same position on MPs salaries Ms Palaszczuk has held since March 2013.

The issue arose because in March 2013 the state government approved major increases to MPs salaries after they were frozen in 2009.

Overall MPs received more than \$3 million in back pay.

Premier Campbell Newman received a \$67,525 pay increase in March 2013 to compensate for the three year freeze, aking his salary to \$379,160.

Opposition Leader Annastacia Palaszczuk received an \$80,000 increase to take her salary to \$310,066.

Increases are set by an independent tribunal.

Labor will also unveil a new TAFE training package during the campaign after Ms Palaszczuk was scathing of the LNP revamped scheme, launched in July 2014.

"What this government has done to TAFE, they have just torn it apart," she said.

"The fees are now doubled, and in some instances tripled.

"Our young people can't afford to go to TAFE.

"If our young people can't afford to go to TAFE, they don't have that opportunity to get a job."

The LNP said they restructured Queensland's TAFE to link it more closely with the skills needs of Queensland's business.

## **Asset sales**

Campbell Newman and Lawrence Springborg sold off \$11 billion worth of assets in Government.

Then they tried to sell off a further \$37 billion worth of assets, including Queensland's electricity network.

It is beyond belief that Mr Springborg would now be lecturing the new Government on asset sales.

Mr Springborg is sitting where he's sitting because only Labor gave a firm commitment not to sell assets.

The LNP spent tens of millions of dollars on advertising, and potentially hundreds of millions on consultants, on an asset sales program Queenslanders didn't want.

I think Queenslanders would think it's laughable that Lawrence Springborg and the LNP are lecturing anyone on asset sales.

### **But will your Govt start selling assets like land and buildings?**

Let's be clear on what Labor said in Opposition. Labor opposed the LNP's broken promises.

The LNP said before the 2012 election they wouldn't sell any Govt buildings and they broke that promise.

They then went on a sell-off spree where they tried to flog off strategic land, that is, land set aside for future hospital developments in Cairns or schools in Calliope and Fortitude Valley.

The Qld Government is the state's largest landholder, and of course individual Departments will conduct transactions from time to time, as they have for decades.

But we won't be undertaking the mass sell-off of schools like the LNP had planned before being shamed into consulting with local communities.

But we won't be selling off strategic assets, not to mention our electricity network and ports, like the LNP planned to.

## Townsville TB Case

Queensland Health has reassured me that the risk to other students, staff and the broader community is low.

Townsville Hospital's respiratory team is working with the school to track students who had contact with the girl as per the state-wide TB guidelines.

Parents of students at the school have been informed.

I note the school has committed to testing all students and staff as a matter of precaution and is working in cooperation with Queensland Health.

### Background

A 13-year-old girl has been transferred from Cairns to LCCH with clinically-suspected TB—she is the daughter of the Sabai Island woman who died from TB at Cairns Hospital last year.

Townsville Hospital has received multiple media enquiries regarding the 16-year-old male (member of same extended family) is currently in isolation at The Townsville Hospital with confirmed TB. Tests underway to confirm if the patient has contracted drug-resistant TB.

Local media name the school as Shalom Christian College in south-western Townsville and quote the principal as follows:

*I wish to reassure you that the school is working fully with the health authorities to ensure the highest standard of wellbeing for our student body and the dedicated staff who serve them," he said.*

*We have been informed by Townsville Hospital and Health Service that screening is conducted as a routine process and that all students and staff will be tested as a matter of precaution and we are appreciative of the professional response of the health authorities.*

Contact tracing is being undertaken by the Townsville Hospital respiratory team, as per normal protocols.

Tuberculosis is spread through air droplets when coughing which are then inhaled by other persons. The majority of people exposed to tuberculosis do not develop the disease.

The symptoms of TB include persistent cough for more than two weeks, unexplained weight loss, night sweats, and fever.

Further information is available at [http://www.health.qld.gov.au/chrisp/tuberculosis/about\\_TB.asp](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/chrisp/tuberculosis/about_TB.asp)



## Extra assistance – food vouchers

The new processes put in place this week have helped reduce waiting times and queues at the community recovery hubs and I thank people for their patience.

We know people are doing it tough and we're doing what we can to help.

We will continue to closely monitor the situation and if changes need to happen, we will make those changes.

The food vouchers of \$200 for individuals and up to \$1000 per household are over and above the assistance that is already available.

For those who lost power for less than 7 days there is a range of assistance available including the Immediate Hardship Assistance Grant of \$180 per person or up to \$900 for a family of five or more and \$100 food vouchers from Anglicare.

As of yesterday afternoon (4 March) more than 11,000 people had received Hardship Assistance Grants totalling almost \$2 million.

### Background

- People in the local government areas of Rockhampton, Livingstone, North Burnett, Banana and Gladstone (west of the Bruce Highway) who have been without power for seven days or more and are suffering hardship are eligible for food vouchers of \$200 for each individual up to a maximum of \$1000 per household.
- Those who still did not have power at 12pm Friday (27/02) are eligible.
- Funding under NDRRA is provided jointly by the state and federal governments, but the states set the criteria and rules for the personal hardship programs.
- The previous Queensland Government changed the rules for natural disaster assistance last year, introducing a stricter criteria.
- A lot of people, who in previous disasters would have been considered eligible for funding, have not been eligible for assistance this time around.
- People should call the Community Recovery Hotline on 1800 173 349 if they need immediate assistance. The Queensland Government's recovery partner, the Australian Red Cross, is distributing this assistance.
- There were long queues at the Rockhampton community recovery hubs on March 2 but extra staff have been sent to process applications more quickly.
- People in Biloela, Rockhampton and Yeppoon who need assistance can visit their local hub:
  - Rockhampton:  
Walter Reid Centre  
Corner Derby and East Streets  
Open: 7 days, 8.30am to 5pm

James Lawrence Pavilion  
Rockhampton Showgrounds, Wandall

Open: 7 days, 9am to 5pm

o Yeppoon:

Yeppoon Town Hall  
25 Normanby Street  
Open: 7 days, 8.30am to 5pm

o Biloela:

Biloela Research Station  
98/102 State Farm Road  
Open: 7 days, 8.30am to 5pm

• People need to have:

- o Evidence of their residential address (driver's licence/utility bill)
- o Evidence of the number of family applicants (Medicare card/health care card)
- o People must also be willing to authorise for records to be checked with their electricity provider.

- Further information is available on the Queensland Government's website at [www.qld.gov.au/community](http://www.qld.gov.au/community).

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## **NAPLAN RESULTS**

It's always good to see schools improving but we need to remember NAPLAN is just one measure of a school's success.

Students who have achieved these results should feel proud as should their teachers.

In 2006, Labor introduced the Prep year of schooling.

This means students have an extra year of schooling.

Because Labor made a decision in 2011 to transition Year 7 to high school, students now have access to specialist maths, science, and English teachers at a younger age.

Parents and students can look forward to receiving their individual results in September.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority has released NAPLAN results identifying 53 top performing Queensland schools.

#### **WHERE RESULTS ARE IMPROVING:**

Enoggera State School (Enoggera)  
Craigslea State School (Chermside West)  
Loganholme State School (Loganholme)  
Sandgate State School (Sandgate)  
Bundaberg North State School (Bundaberg North)  
Fernvale State School (Fernvale)  
Millmerran State School (Millmerran)  
Newmarket State School (Newmarket)  
Walloon State School (Walloon)  
Mount Samson State School (Mount Samson)  
Woodcrest State College (Springfield)  
Yandina State School (Yandina)  
Greenslopes State School (Greenslopes)  
Mirani State School (Mirani)  
East Brisbane State School (East Brisbane)  
Kenmore South State School (Kenmore)  
Thornlands State School (Thornlands)  
Geebung State School (Geebung)  
Home Hill State School (Home Hill)  
Maleny State School (Maleny)  
Mundubbera State School (Mundubbera)  
Calen District State College (Calen)  
Patricks Road State School (Ferny Hills)  
Tannum Sands State School (Tannum Sands)  
Agnes Water State School (Agnes Water)  
Mountain Creek State School (Mountain Creek)  
Wynnum State School (Wynnum)

Holy Cross School (Wooloowin)  
Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School (Sunnybank)  
Our Lady of the Rosary School (Kenmore)  
St Elizabeth's School (Tarragindi)  
St Ignatius School (Toowong)  
St Ita's Regional Primary School (Dutton Park)  
St Saviour's Primary School (Toowoomba)  
St Stephen's School (Pittsworth)  
St Joseph's Catholic School (Biloela)  
St Mary's Catholic Primary School (South Mackay)  
St Patrick's School (Emerald)  
St Peter's School (Rockhampton)  
St Joseph's School (Mundingburra)  
St Joseph's School (Atherton)  
St Joseph's School (Parramatta Park)  
St John's School (Roma)  
St Joseph's School (Stanthorpe)  
Saint Stephen's College (Coomera)  
Agnew School (Wakerley)  
St James Lutheran College (Urraween)  
Anglican Church Grammar School (East Brisbane)  
Good Shepherd Lutheran College (Noosaville)  
John Paul College (Daisy Hill)  
Mueller College (Rothwell)  
Faith Lutheran College – Redlands (Victoria Point)  
A B Paterson College (Arundel)

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## **Panama disease**

Biosecurity Queensland are the experts in the field.

They're well-versed and well-practised in such matters and we're lucky to have them.

Our focus is on minimising risk to other areas and producers and I am assured by the Department that everything is being done to achieve that.

I can confirm that Biosecurity Queensland is quarantining a banana plantation near Tully while it investigates a suspected case of Panama Disease.

An initial test in Queensland Government labs was positive. Further testing is under way and it will be one to two weeks before the results are in.

The property owner has been advised and we are taking every available measure to isolate and contain this potential case.

The disease poses a serious threat to the banana industry as it attacks all types of bananas so we are taking this very seriously.

There is no threat to human health and it does not affect other crops.

We are working closely with the Australian Banana Growers Council to inform other growers of the steps they should take to prevent this disease on their property.

### Background:

This is the first potential case in Queensland, although the disease was found in the Northern Territory in 1997 and has since spread to a number of areas in the Top End.

The media has been asked to respect the privacy of the property owners involved.

It is illegal to enter a quarantined property.

### **Potential questions:**

*Question: Are you confident everything is being done to minimise risk?*

*Answer: I am sure Biosecurity Queensland has responded swiftly, expertly and appropriately.*

*Question: How can we spot infected bananas?*

**Answer:** *Plants affected by the disease rarely produce marketable bunches. Infected plants generally don't produce fruit likely to be sold in shops.*

**Question:** *Why is this serious?*

**Answer:** *The Queensland banana industry is worth approximately \$600 million at the farm gate and almost all production is in Far North Queensland. Of the 12,000 hectares under production, 9,000 hectares, or three quarters of Queensland's total production area is around Tully and Innisfail.*

**Question:** *What can banana growers do to prevent infection?*

**Answer:** *Be aware of the risk, use strict Biosecurity practices, don't share machinery or equipment with others, remove all plant material and soil from all machinery, equipment, vehicles and footwear before entering their property.*

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## **Bikies poker run**

The QPS is well-versed in dealing with issues just like this. There has been no change to the current VLAD/bikie laws since the Labor party was elected.

As we've said, we are establishing a Commission of Inquiry into Organised Crime, and a high level taskforce to review the LNP's unworkable laws.

This task force will include, the Department of Justice and Attorney-General, the Bar Association, the Queensland Law Society and Police representatives.

Labor took to a plan to introduce a new offence of 'serious organised crime' with a maximum penalty of life imprisonment into the Criminal Code.

People convicted under this new law would be declared serious violent offenders and serve a minimum of 80% of their sentence or at least 15 years in jail if sentenced to life in prison.

This penalty represents tougher maximum penalties than those currently included in the LNP's laws.

And as we've said, all relevant existing laws will stay in place until the outcome of the review and alternative legislation was passed.

The LNP were set to review the legislation in 2016 and had no plans to replace the laws.

As far as I know, they still have no plan.

Let's not forget, Lawrence Springborg opposed Labor's criminal organisation laws in 2009 and was worried about the civil liberties of bikies.

I know Deputy Commissioner has spoken with media about the particular issue of the 'poker run' and is best placed to discuss operational matters.

Background:



Outlaw gang Hells Angels will brazenly defy police and the new Labor Government by holding the first poker run since the launch of the bikie crackdown.

In an "act of defiance" against authorities, the gang will hold the Good as Gold poker run on Saturday, setting off from their South Brisbane clubhouse at 10am.

The run will test the resolve of police and the former Newman government's controversial anti-bikie laws.

The event is seen as a "clear challenge" to the legislation, which bans three or more members of any criminal gang meeting in a public place or from attending clubhouses or club events.

Outlaw gang members who attend risk breaching both sections of the controversial legislation and a six-month jail sentence.

On social media, barrister Wayne Baffsky stated members of the public and social motorcyclists "cannot be charged under section 60A of the Criminal Code".

"Persons who attend a meeting, gathering, event or a run are not associating with the club or participating in the affairs of the club. Even if you have attended more than one," he wrote on Facebook.

The Hells Angels' move is seen as a pre-emptive strike as the Labor Government has promised to review and possibly water down the legislation. Before the crackdown in 2013, the run attracted hundreds of bikers and was escorted by police through red lights and traffic signs.

This year, Taskforce Maxima will monitor the event and ensure the legislation is not breached.

Senior police fear this is a sign of what is to come.

"The Hells Angels are leading from the front," police said. "This is the announcement they are back and they are here to stay.

"The other clubs will watch this with interest and are ready to jump on the bandwagon.

"The Government has announced a review of the laws and police are unsure of where exactly is the line in the sand.

"We have gone from taking back the streets to not knowing where we stand. It's a dangerous time."

Police also fear the clubs will rush to reclaim territory if the run is unchallenged.

"You will see a lot of movement, most clubhouses have been shut down and the clubs see the Coast is up for grabs. There is a real potential for a land grab and clubs that are too slow to move could lose turf.

"The Hells Angels are showing they are ready for the challenge."

The run comes a day after the Bulletin revealed notorious New Zealand gang Black Power had established a foothold in Beenleigh.

The gang is exempt from the bikie crackdown because it is not named in Queensland's tough anti-bikie laws.

But Police Minister Jo-Ann Miller yesterday said the situation was being monitored.

"As Police Minister, I don't care whether they are riding motorcycles or pushbikes or little scooters. If they are committing serious criminal offences, the community expects the police to act," she said.



## Politician's pay-rises

The Premier made it clear during the election campaign that any future pay-rises would be linked to public sector increases.

Queenslanders expect to see that policy implemented and Labor will honour that commitment.

We'll be introducing retrospective legislation to limit pay-rises in line with our commitment.

The independent tribunal is expected to release its findings sometime this month.

### Background:

*Story in Brisbane Times*

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk has taken the first step to tie Queensland MPs' salary increases to general public servant increases, honouring an election promise.

On Wednesday she wrote to Queensland's Independent Remuneration Tribunal, informing chair Bond University Professor Tim Brailsford she would soon introduce legislation to link MPs salary increases to the general public service increase.

She plans to make this salary increase retrospective, before a decision of the tribunal.

The previous government awarded an average 2.2 per cent public sector wage increase in 2014, with lowest-paid public servants receiving an extra three per cent "safety net" increase from the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission of up to \$32 a week in August 2014.

Ms Palaszczuk's election promise to restrict MP's salary package increases to the general public service increase was made on January 12, 2015.

In the letter, dated March 4, 2015, and seen by Fairfax Media, Ms Palaszczuk says she plans to make this MP's salary increase retrospective, meaning it would over-ride an MP's salary ruling understood to be made soon by the independent tribunal.

She commends the tribunal for acting "independently, impartially and fairly", but says she now wants to honour her "election pledge".

"There is however, an expectation on the part of Queenslanders that the government will ensure that this election commitment to limit the amount of increase to the annual salary of a member to no more than the percentage increase by which the salary or wage of a public service employee is increased in the year, is implemented," Ms Palaszczuk writes.

"That was my pledge and I intend to honour that commitment," she says.

"I therefore wish to advise the Tribunal that I will be introducing legislation into the Parliament to give effect to my government's election commitment.

"I will be looking into whether that legislation can be made retrospective, given my clear statements of intent."

Queensland's Independent Remuneration Tribunal was set up in July 2013 to put together a new remuneration package for Queensland MPs, after substantial increases to MPs were awarded in March 2013 after a three-year freeze on salary increases since 2009.

Then-premier Campbell Newman received a \$67,525 pay rise in March 2013 to take the premier's salary package to \$379,160.

Then-opposition leader Ms Palaszczuk in March 2013 received an \$80,000 increase to take her salary package to \$310,066.

At that time Ms Palaszczuk said Labor would tie future MPs' increases to the general public service salary increase.

Ms Palaszczuk in her letter on Wednesday tells the Tribunal she wants to move quickly on the issue and asks to meet to discuss the proposed legislation.

"I will be moving quickly to give legislative effect to my government's policy," she writes.

"And I would appreciate the opportunity to consult with the Tribunal in the drafting of the necessary legislation."

Queensland's Independent Remuneration Tribunal chair Professor Brailsford is aided by former Queensland Compensation Regulatory Authority, AMWU leader and former Port of Brisbane director David Harrison, and Joanne Jessop, the chief executive of Multicap.

RTI Release

**Michael Meurer**

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**From:** Kerry Manifold  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2015 10:00 AM  
**To:** Michael Meurer; Matt Collins  
**Subject:** 050315 HIBs.docx  
**Attachments:** 050315 HIBs.docx

RTI Release

**Michael Meurer**

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**From:** Kerry Manifold  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2015 5:46 AM  
**To:** @Media Advisors  
**Subject:** HIBs

By 7.30am pls

Bananas update (agriculture)  
Community recovery update (communities)

Anything I've missed you think Prem or other Mins could get asked about.

**Kerryn Manifold**  
**Senior Media Adviser**  
**Office of the Queensland Premier**



*-Sent from my iPhone*

RTI Release

**Michael Meurer**

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**From:** Kerry Manifold  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 March 2015 6:13 PM  
**To:** @Media Advisors; @Chiefs of Staff  
**Subject:** Early HIB call again

HIBs by 7.30am tomorrow please.



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## Michael Meurer

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**From:** Kerry Manifold  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 March 2015 2:42 PM  
**To:** Jason Humphreys; Michael Meurer  
**Subject:** Kiwi Scaffas Against Kava Bans

I will call about this.

<http://www.betootaadvocate.com/uncategorized/entire-scaffolding-industry-of-queensland-on-strike-over-ban-on-kava/>



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**From:** Kerry Manifold  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 March 2015 11:26 AM  
**To:** @Media Advisors; @Chiefs of Staff  
**Subject:** Media forward planning  
**Attachments:** Media Planning Template.xlsx

Hi all...

Apologies for my tardiness.

Can you please have the media forward plan to me in the attached format by COB tomorrow. This should cover three weeks in advance starting next Monday.

Please put <MINISTER NAME> FORWARD PLANNING (eg, SMITH FORWARD PLANNING) in the subject, all caps, to help me find the information quickly.

Please type the date as dd/mm/yyyy and it will automatically convert. This will help sort the information when you return it. There are drop down menus for Minister Name and Electorate which hopefully saves you some time.

Please email back to me by COB tomorrow and include any speaking engagements the Minister may be attending.



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## Michael Meurer

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**From:** Kerry Manifold  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 March 2015 6:34 AM  
**To:** @Media Advisors  
**Subject:** HIBs by 8am pls

Please collaborate with other offices as necessary. If you sent them through last night, could you please update with relevant background following today's coverage.

1. Toowoomba shooting (police)
2. Maynard email (health)
3. Cedar Woods call in (dg)
4. Food poisoning (education/health)
5. Chinchilla UCG (environment)
6. Greyhounds (agriculture)

**Kerry Manifold**  
**Deputy Director- Government Media Unit**  
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## Michael Meurer

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**From:** Kerry Manifold  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 March 2015 6:06 PM  
**To:** Michael Meurer; Premiers Media  
**Subject:** RE: Health response to priorities

All good.



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**From:** Michael Meurer  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 March 2015 6:06 PM  
**To:** Premiers Media  
**Subject:** Health response to priorities

**Please attribute this to the Minister for Health:**

Labor will deliver on our election commitments to improve patient safety and quality in the healthcare system. This includes starting to restore frontline health services cut by Lawrence Springborg and the LNP.

As Health Minister I will work with the Department of Health and Hospital and Health Service boards to drive continual improvement of healthcare and bring integrity and accountability to the health system.

There is more to the health portfolio than just hospitals. A Palaszczuk Government will focus on keeping Queenslanders healthy so they don't have to visit a hospital. Our focus will be on preventative health programs, health promotion, and research and innovation which drive positive health outcomes, ease pressure on the entire health system, and improve the quality of life for all Queenslanders.

**Michael Meurer**

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**From:** Kerryn Manifold  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 March 2015 5:44 AM  
**To:** @Media Advisors  
**Subject:** HIBs

Morning all. HIBs by 8.30am please. Please collaborate with other offices as appropriate. Some will just require updating.

Call me if there's any questions and enjoy your Monday.

Schools to get terror guards p.1 CM (Education/Police)

Fire Ants - ad on p.8 of CM (Agriculture)

Food vouchers- p.9 CM (deputy)

Health insurance p.9 CM (health)

Judge investigations - p.11 CM (AG)

CSG projects under scrutiny - BT (Mining/NRM)

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**Michael Meurer**

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**From:** Lindsay Marshall  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 March 2015 9:36 AM  
**To:** Lindsay Marshall  
**Subject:** meeting

For info....

If possible could you attend a meeting of Ministerial Media Advisers at noon in the Queensland Room on level 13 of the Executive Building.

Thanks



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**Lindsay Marshall**

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## Michael Carey

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**From:** Greg Fowler  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 March 2015 3:11 PM  
**To:** Michael Carey  
**Subject:** Contract delayed by caretaker period

Michael

The caretaker period has delayed a number of non-controversial issues that need to be expedited. One of these is the contract for the appointment of a HIV/STI Professorial Chair for Queensland in a partnership between the HIV Foundation and the University of Queensland.  
<http://hivfoundation.org.au/about-us/projects-and-initiatives>

I believe the contract for this agreement (Offer No. QCHO/006655) has been agreed by both parties and is simply waiting for the Minister's approval.

Can you, at your convenience, forward this matter to the DG for his attention.

Regards  
Greg



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**From:** Greg Fowler  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 March 2015 4:27 PM  
**To:** Michael Carey  
**Subject:** Baird takes on Abbott on health funding and the federation white paper

<http://theconversation.com/nsw-premier-mike-baird-on-health-privatisation-and-abbotts-shadow-38093>

Baird pledges to continue to vigorously take on the federal government to get a better deal on health.

“The biggest challenge facing this state and the nation is health funding. And what happened last federal budget is not sustainable.

“That was, the commonwealth and the federal government said ‘we are going to allocate a large part of the future growth in health costs from ourselves to the state governments’.

“The states do not have the capacity to meet those health costs on their own. The commonwealth has a critical role to play.

“Now, this will be front and centre of the white paper discussion on federalism, which is planned for the middle of this year. And that’s where it’ll be resolved. But I will be strongly making the case between now, the federal budget and that [white paper] discussion, saying there is no doubt that states cannot afford that health position ... [Health] is *the* critical issue, because it is the largest cost to the budget and it’s growing at the fastest rate, and that is a very bad combination for a state tax base.”



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**Michael Carey**

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**From:** Wendy Bourne  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 March 2015 4:33 PM  
**To:** Jason Humphreys  
**Cc:** Mark Biddulph; Michael Carey; Linda Whatman  
**Subject:** Peter Wellington - Paramedics on 457 Visas in our mines

Hi Jason

Let me know if I have directed this to the right ministerial office for a response. Its regarding the alleged employment of paramedics on 457 visas in the mining industry.

Please see an email below from the Member for Nicklin outlining a company call ER24 Pty Ltd <http://er24.com.au/> providing paramedic services in the Bowen Basin.

I would appreciate being kept in the loop on the response thanks.

Regards.



**Wendy Bourne**  
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**From:** Nicklin Electorate Office [mailto:Nicklin@parliament.qld.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 March 2015 3:47 PM  
**To:** Wendy Bourne  
**Subject:** Paramedics on 457 Visas in our mines

Hi Wendy

For some time Peter has been working with a fellow who is concerned about our mining companies using overseas trained Paramedics who are in the country on 457 Visas.

Peter had requested that he contact us when he had proof that this was happening.

He has just advised us that South African Trained Paramedics have commenced work in mines in Queensland and this is impacting on our Queensland trained paramedics.

We have been advised that ER24 Pty Ltd is bringing over people on the 457 visas and basing them in the Bowen Basin at the expense of the FIFO workers currently employed in these positions.

Peter has asked that I bring this to your attention, in the hope that you could bring it to the attention of the Premier or the relevant Minister.

Unfortunately this is all the information we have at present but I can try to get more if you need it.

Regards

Vicki

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**From:** Darren Cann  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 March 2015 6:09 PM  
**To:** @Chiefs of Staff  
**Subject:** Ministerial Diaries  
**Attachments:** Right to Information and Privacy.pptx; Diary Guidelines provided by DPC.DOCX; Ministerial Diary Extract - Template.docx

Good afternoon

Further to the matters discussed at the Chiefs-of-Staff meeting this morning, please find below information regarding Right to Information and Diary matters.

**Right to Information**

Attached is a PowerPoint file which was used at the Ministers' induction session, which provides an overview of the Right to Information process.

The Right to Information and Privacy Unit within the Department of the Premier and Cabinet has recommended that staff make themselves familiar with the RTI Act via the online training which is provided by the Office of the Information Commissioner.

This training can be found at the following link <https://www.oic.qld.gov.au/training-and-events>, with particular note of the *Right to Information Act 2009 (Qld) – General Awareness* and *Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld) – General Awareness* links. We have been advised that this should only take staff 30 minutes to complete.

As discussed, RTIs should be included in your forward plans.

**Diaries**

Pursuant to section 3.12 of the Queensland Ministerial Handbook, Ministers are required to proactively disclose on a monthly basis portfolio-related meetings and events. Please see the following link for more details: <http://www.premiers.qld.gov.au/publications/categories/policies-and-codes/handbooks/ministerial-handbook/ethics/ministerialdiaries.aspx>

Attached is a guideline document provided by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet regarding the process and what needs to be included. This process reflects the process adopted by the immediate previous Government.

As outlined in the document, by the end of the first week of each month, a print out of the full diary in 'Calendar Details Style', plus the completed diary extract of the previous month, is required to be completed and sent to the RTI Officers in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet ([rti@premiers.qld.gov.au](mailto:rti@premiers.qld.gov.au)) and CC'd to myself ([Darren.Cann@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Darren.Cann@ministerial.qld.gov.au)) and Peter Nibbs ([Peter.Nibbs@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Peter.Nibbs@ministerial.qld.gov.au)), which is consistent with the former arrangements of the immediate previous government. These documents will be treated confidentially by all parties involved.

The RTI Unit will review the diaries and if there are any questions, it will feed them back to you, as per the process under the immediate previous government.

Once the RTI Unit has completed its process, the extracts are then sent to the website team, to be placed online on the first working day of the following month.

The former Government's diaries can be found at the following link, as examples of how extracts have been completed in the past. <http://www.cabinet.qld.gov.au/ministers/diaries.aspx>

As discussed, please cross-check the diaries with other Ministers and also the online Lobbyist Register etc., to ensure the diary is accurate.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards

Darren

RTI Release

**From:** Donna O'Donoghue  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 March 2015 2:00 PM  
**To:** @Chiefs of Staff  
**Subject:** Responses to Correspondence from Opposition Members of Parliament on behalf of their constituents

Greetings

There have been some enquiries about how to respond to correspondence from Opposition Members of Parliament on behalf of their constituents, as it was commonly the practice of some previous government Ministers to respond directly to the constituent and to ignore the Member who wrote on their behalf.

The policy of the Government is to be that which was adopted by the previous Labor Government: A response will be sent directly from the Minister/Minister's office to the constituent, and, as a matter of courtesy, correspondence sent to the Opposition Member of Parliament advising that a response has been sent, and enclosing a copy of the response.

All correspondence, regardless of its author, is to be treated in the same timely and informative manner.

Many thanks  
Donna O'Donoghue



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**From:** Troy Mitchell  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2015 11:45 AM  
**To:** Michael Carey  
**Subject:** Staffing allocation  
**Attachments:** Minister for Health - Office Budget.pdf

Hi Michael, Please find attached your staffing allocations as per discussions with Carmen.

Carmen will be providing lists of job applicants for your review by COB today.

CV's can be requested from Carmen.

Please consult with Premier's staff as follows to finalise a shortlist for interviews.

- Policy – Donna O'Donoghue (Justice and Attorney-General)
- Policy - Tim Linley (State Development, Trade, Treasury, ATSIP, Employment & IR)
- Policy - Peter Nibbs, Director of Policy (other policy areas)
- Media -- Lindsay Marshall, Director, Government Media Unit
- Admin -- Troy Mitchell, Executive Manager

Thanks



**Troy Mitchell**

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**Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services**

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## Michael Carey

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**From:** Troy Mitchell  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2015 3:50 PM  
**To:** Michael Carey  
**Cc:** Carmen Meshios  
**Subject:** Updated staff allocation sheet  
**Attachments:** Minister for Health - Office Budget - Updated.pdf

Hi Michael, Updated sheet attached.

Thanks Troy



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**Carmen Meshios**

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**From:** Christopher Powell [<mailto:chris.powell@premiers.qld.gov.au>]

**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2015 3:12 PM

**To:** Carmen Meshios

**Subject:** Generic Salaries templates.xlsx

Principal is for SES only, we have left it for Dty Premier and Treasurer only now, sorry about the confusion I was more concerned with getting the budgets and position numbers right.

All Classes to Names have been fixed now. Updated spreadsheet is attached.

CP

*Chris Powell*

*Manager Finance & Administration*  
**Ministerial Services Branch**  
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Employees related to the Ministry of Health and Long-Care Services  
**Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services**

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## Michael Carey

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**From:** Greg Fowler  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2015 9:15 PM  
**To:** Kerryn Manifold  
**Cc:** Michael Carey; Michael Meurer  
**Subject:** Re: Media release - New data on Queensland wait lists

Valid use of waiting list data to correct the record on the performance of the previous govt.  
Greg

Sent from my iPad

On 5 Mar 2015, at 7:11 pm, Kerryn Manifold <[Kerryn.Manifold@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Kerryn.Manifold@ministerial.qld.gov.au)> wrote:

Sorry.

Take 3 attached.

<image003.png>Kerryn Manifold  
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**From:** Michael Carey  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2015 5:26 PM  
**To:** Kerryn Manifold  
**Subject:** FW: Media release - New data on Queensland wait lists

KM – attached and copied below.

6 March 2015

### New data on Queensland wait lists

The latest monthly figures released on the [Hospital Performance website](#) today show elective surgery wait lists have remained steady.

The [Hospital Performance website](#) is updated on a monthly basis with up-to-date data collected from the hospital and health services.

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**From:** Rebecca Fanning

**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2015 5:25 PM

**To:** Michael Carey

**Subject:** Media release - New data on Queensland wait lists

<Media release - New data on Queensland wait lists.docx>

RTI Release

**Michael Carey**

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**From:** Darren Cann  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2015 9:16 PM  
**To:** @Chiefs of Staff  
**Cc:** Peter Nibbs  
**Subject:** FW: Ministerial Diaries  
**Attachments:** Diary Guidelines provided by DPC.DOCX; Ministerial Diary Extract - Template.docx

Good evening

Just a follow-up on the email on Monday, the diary extracts for Ministers are due on Friday (tomorrow).

I have been advised by the RTI Unit that there is leeway in this deadline, and if you cannot make it, then Monday or Tuesday at the latest is fine – this is consistent with the actions by the former government.

I have attached the guidelines and template again and see below for further details.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards

Darren

**From:** Darren Cann  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 March 2015 6:09 PM  
**To:** @Chiefs of Staff  
**Subject:** Ministerial Diaries

Good afternoon

Further to the matters discussed at the Chiefs-of-Staff meeting this morning, please find below information regarding Right to Information and Diary matters.

#### Right to Information

Attached is a PowerPoint file which was used at the Ministers' induction session, which provides an overview of the Right to Information process.

The Right to Information and Privacy Unit within the Department of the Premier and Cabinet has recommended that staff make themselves familiar with the RTI Act via the online training which is provided by the Office of the Information Commissioner.

This training can be found at the following link <https://www.oic.qld.gov.au/training-and-events>, with particular note of the *Right to Information Act 2009 (Qld) – General Awareness* and *Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld) – General Awareness* links. We have been advised that this should only take staff 30 minutes to complete.

As discussed, RTIs should be included in your forward plans.

#### Diaries

Pursuant to section 3.12 of the Queensland Ministerial Handbook, Ministers are required to proactively disclose on a monthly basis portfolio-related meetings and events. Please see the following link for more details:

<http://www.premiers.qld.gov.au/publications/categories/policies-and-codes/handbooks/ministerial-handbook/ethics/ministerialdiaries.aspx>

Attached is a guideline document provided by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet regarding the process and what needs to be included. This process reflects the process adopted by the immediate previous Government.

As outlined in the document, by the end of the first week of each month, a print out of the full diary in 'Calendar Details Style', plus the completed diary extract of the previous month, is required to be completed and sent to the RTI Officers in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet ([rti@premiers.qld.gov.au](mailto:rti@premiers.qld.gov.au)) and CC'd to myself ([Darren.Cann@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Darren.Cann@ministerial.qld.gov.au)) and Peter Nibbs ([Peter.Nibbs@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Peter.Nibbs@ministerial.qld.gov.au)), which is consistent with the former arrangements of the immediate previous government. These documents will be treated confidentially by all parties involved.

The RTI Unit will review the diaries and if there are any questions, it will feed them back to you, as per the process under the immediate previous government.

Once the RTI Unit has completed its process, the extracts are then sent to the website team, to be placed online on the first working day of the following month.

The former Government's diaries can be found at the following link, as examples of how extracts have been completed in the past. <http://www.cabinet.qld.gov.au/ministers/diaries.aspx>

As discussed, please cross-check the diaries with other Ministers and also the online Lobbyist Register etc., to ensure the diary is accurate.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions

Regards

Darren

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# Guideline

## Proactive Disclosure of Ministerial Diary Extracts

RTI Release



## Background

In accordance with the Government's commitment to openness and accountability, and section 3.12 Ministerial Diaries of the Queensland Ministerial Handbook, Ministers are required to proactively disclose on a monthly basis portfolio related meetings with external parties listed in their diaries.

Material which would not be disclosed under the *Right to Information Act 2009* and the *Information Privacy Act 2009* is not to be released.

Ministerial Diaries are public records under the *Public Records Act 2002* and as such should be retained and managed in accordance with the Retention & Disposal Schedule at section 2.5 of the Queensland Ministerial Handbook.

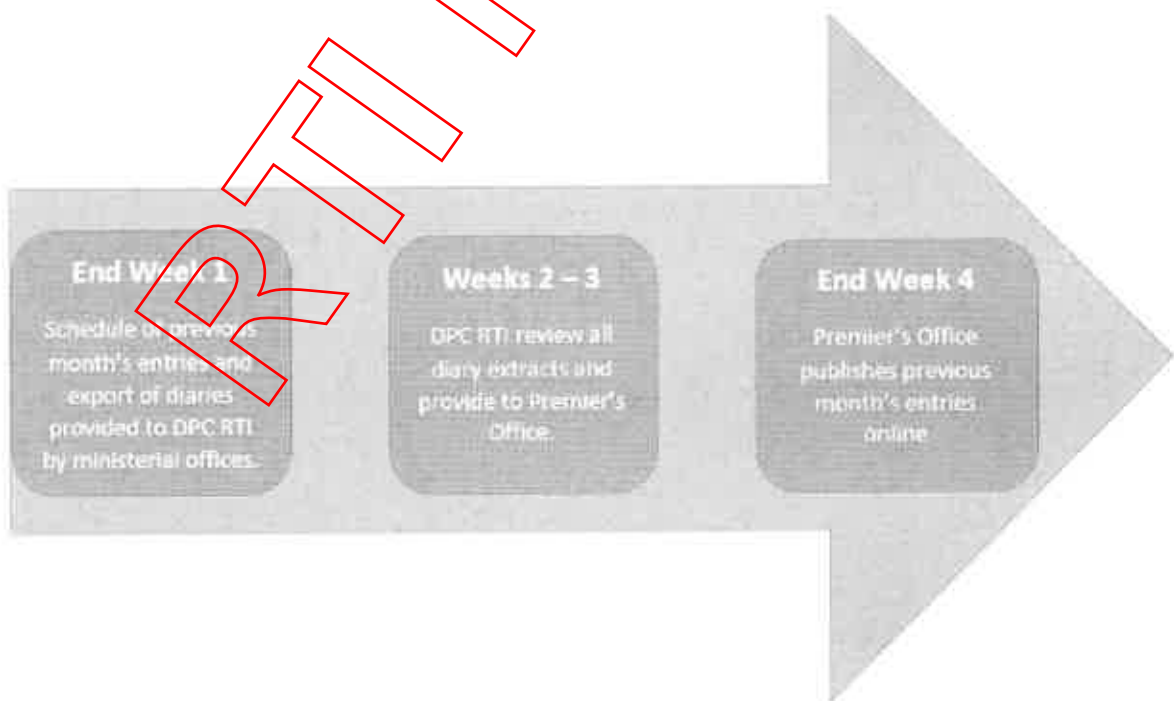
## Proactive Disclosure of Ministerial Diaries

### Overview of Process

The proactive release of Ministerial Diary Extracts is to occur on a monthly basis, with the previous month's information being published before the end of the following month.

This process commenced in January 2013 with extracts published in February 2013.

The monthly timeframes for each stage of this process are as follows:



To provide consistency across ministerial portfolios, these monthly releases will be reviewed by the Right to Information and Privacy Unit within the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC), in consultation with ministerial offices where necessary.

Ministerial offices are required to email completed monthly templates (in Microsoft Word file), along with an export of the Minister's diary (in PDF file), to DPC's Right to Information and Privacy Unit (contact number is 3003 9230) at [rti@premiers.qld.gov.au](mailto:rti@premiers.qld.gov.au) with a 'cc' to the Premier's Officer.

### Meeting Requests

The *Information Privacy Act 2009* provides requirements for how personal information is collected, stored, used and disclosed by departments and ministerial offices. Officers responsible for making entries in Ministers' diaries need to ensure that persons meetings with Ministers are aware prior to providing personal information, or as soon as practicable afterwards, the purposes for which their information will be used.

To ensure this, the following wording should be included in all meeting requests sent out on behalf of a Minister's Diary.

***As part of the Queensland Government's commitment to openness and accountability, details of the Minister's meetings are proactively released online on a monthly basis. A record of your meeting will be disclosed in accordance with this policy.***

***By accepting this meeting, you consent to the release of information about this meeting, which may include attendees, topic of discussion, timing and location.***

### Monthly Diary

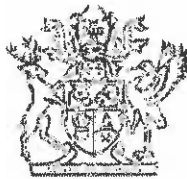
Ministerial offices are required to provide a copy of their Minister's diary for the respective month. This should, where possible, be from the outlook calendar in "calendar details style", as follows:

1. In Outlook, go into your Minister's 'Calendar'
2. Click on FILE, then PRINT on the left hand side of screen
3. Select the bottom' option - CALENDAR DETAILS STYLE
4. Click on PRINT OPTIONS (just below where you select the printer)
5. At the bottom of the box that appears (*Print Range*), change the date range  
EXAMPLE: 01/01/2015 to 31/01/2015 (or as relevant)
6. Click on PRINT.



## Ministerial Diary Extracts

The Ministerial Diary Extract (diary extract) contains details of the date of meeting, the name of the Organisation / person the meeting was held with, and the purpose of the meeting. Office Managers should discuss with their Chief of Staff which diary meetings need to be put into the diary extract form. Please see the below template which should be used in completing your diary extracts.



### Ministerial Diary<sup>1</sup>

Premier

1 January – 31 January 2015

	Date of Meeting	Name of Organisation/Person	Purpose of Meeting
<i>Example</i>	1 January 2015	Department of Premier & Cabinet	Queensland Greats Awards Presentation Ceremony
	2 January 2015	Ministerial staff	Weekly staff meeting
	2 January 2015	Director General	Weekly meeting
	2 January 2015	Deputy Premier and Treasurer	Pre-Cabinet meeting
	2 January 2015	Government Ministers	Cabinet meeting
	2 January 2015	Treasurer and Mr John Citizen, Director (Company Name)	Meet and greet

### Scope of meetings for inclusion in diary extracts

This proactive disclosure of ministerial diaries is applicable to ministerial meetings with external organisations, including lobbyists.

A meeting is defined as a scheduled discussion about a portfolio/policy related issue.

<sup>1</sup> Does not include personal, electorate or party political meetings or events, media events and interviews and information contrary to public interest (e.g. meetings regarding sensitive law enforcement, public safety or Public Interest Disclosure matters).

As a general guide, the following are considered to be meetings that fall within the scope of a meeting with an external organisation:

- meetings with Ministerial staff
- meetings with Departmental staff;
- formal and regular meetings (for example Cabinet meetings)
- meetings with individuals, organisations, businesses, lobbyists;
- meetings with media organisations (but not media interviews);
- meetings with statutory authorities (for example, South Bank Corporation);
- Meetings with Government Owned Corporations.

As a general guide, the following entries are considered to be exempt from publication:

- personal commitments/meetings (not linked with any Government activities);
- meetings as a Member of the Legislative Assembly (i.e. electorate related);
- media interviews;
- meetings relating to party political matters;
- meetings with certain Queensland Government entities or agencies (for example, Crime and Misconduct Commission, Integrity Commissioner); and
- media launches and events.

These lists are a guide only, and Chiefs of Staff should give consideration as to whether meetings which appear in monthly diaries are within scope.

#### ***Name of Organisation/Person***

The ministerial diary extract must include the name of the external organisation and/or persons the Minister has met with. The information contained in this column should reflect the information contained in the Minister's diary.

In the event there are more than two representatives of the one external organisation listed in the diary, only the primary representative of the organisation needs to be listed.

#### ***Purpose of Meeting***

The purpose of the meeting should be an accurate reflection of the diary entry.

However, it is not sufficient to list 'general discussion' as the purpose of a meeting.

#### **Role of the Right to Information and Privacy Unit**

When reviewing Ministerial Diary Extracts against the actual monthly diary entries, the types of issues the Right to Information and Privacy Unit searches for and considers are as follows:

- Correct dates are recorded in the diary extracts;

- Spelling (against the spelling which appears in the actual diary);
- Any confidentiality that is noted in the actual diary (ie meeting with the Crime and Corruption Commission regarding an ongoing investigation);
- Any other Right to Information grounds for refusal which may apply to the content of a document (the subject of a Cabinet meetings, commercial information etc);
- The personal nature/privacy issues of a matter and the purpose for the meeting (i.e. Meeting with Mr and Mrs Smith regarding their child's medical problems);
- Where a meeting appears in a monthly diary but there is no entry in the diary extract;
- Where an entry appears in the diary extract but there is no entry in the monthly diary;
- Removal of Political Party entries from the extracts when entered in error;
- Removal of media events from the extracts when entered in error;
- Any erroneous duplications of entries in the extracts; or
- The chronological order of entries in the diary extract matches the order in the monthly diary.

#### ***Electorate Office days***

When a Minister is attending Electorate Office meetings it is helpful to put either "Electorate" or "EO" at the start of the day or in front of the individual meeting which appears in the monthly diary. This will help identify meetings not to be published.

#### ***Publication of Diary Extracts***

After review by the Premier's Office, all diary extracts are published on the Queensland Cabinet and Ministerial Directory website: <http://cabinet.qld.gov.au/ministers/diaries.aspx>



## Michael Carey

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**From:** Rebecca Fanning  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 March 2015 9:33 AM  
**To:** Kerryn Manifold  
**Cc:** Michael Carey; Michael Meurer; Oskar Bronowicki  
**Subject:** FW: Media release - New data on Queensland wait lists  
**Attachments:** Key Lines- Out Pats TPs.docx

Hi Kerryn – Here are the talking points Michael sent you this morning.

Kind regards,

Rebecca.

[Redacted]

**From:** Michael Carey  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 March 2015 6:43 AM  
**To:** Kerryn Manifold  
**Cc:** Michael Meurer; Greg Fowler; Rebecca Fanning  
**Subject:** RE: Media release - New data on Queensland wait lists

Hi Team

Current versions of out TP's and MR attached. Happy to discuss any time.

Cheers

Michael.

[Redacted]

**From:** Kerryn Manifold  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2015 10:16 PM  
**To:** Michael Carey  
**Cc:** Michael Meurer; Greg Fowler; Rebecca Fanning  
**Subject:** Re: Media release - New data on Queensland wait lists

We will talk in the morning.

**Kerryn Manifold**  
**Senior Media Adviser**  
**Office of the Queensland Premier**

[Redacted]

*-Sent from my iPhone*

On 5 Mar 2015, at 10:05 pm, Michael Carey <[Michael.Carey@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Michael.Carey@ministerial.qld.gov.au)> wrote:

Hi KM



I know you will think we are being terrible policy wonks but we have made some further changes to this MR as it is critical we get the descriptions of the data completely correct. We have kept most of your stuff and stuck to the order where ever possible.

Happy to discuss.

Cheers

Michael.

**From:** Kerryn Manifold  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2015 7:11 PM  
**To:** Michael Carey  
**Cc:** Michael Meurer; Greg Fowler  
**Subject:** RE: Media release - New data on Queensland wait lists

Sorry.

Take 3 attached.

<image002.png>Kerryn Manifold  
Deputy Director-Government Media Unit  
**Office of the Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk MP**  
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**From:** Michael Carey  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2015 5:26 PM  
**To:** Kerryn Manifold  
**Subject:** FW: Media release - New data on Queensland wait lists

KM – attached and copied below.

6 March 2015

### **New data on Queensland wait lists**

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**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2015 5:25 PM  
**To:** Michael Carey  
**Subject:** Media release - New data on Queensland wait lists

<Media release - New data on Queensland wait lists - WITH EVERYONE'S EDITS.docx>

RTI Release

## Key Lines

These figures tell the story of the 100,000 Queenslanders who were left in the waiting room by Lawrence Springborg and the LNP.

I just think fundamentally people will respect you more if you are honest. These figures are an honest assessment of some of the challenges that our health system faces.

In relation to the wait time programme I have said on a number of occasions that I have concerns with:

1. The financial underpinning of the programme – spending money on publicity is not the same thing as spending money on patients;
2. The efficacy of the programme - when you have 114,000 Queenslanders waiting longer than clinically recommend times who are ignored by the scheme I think you have question the approach; and
3. The impact that an undue focus on a single criteria has for the operation of balanced services in our hospital districts.

It is true that the Federal Labor government stood up and did the heavy lifting in health reform flooding the system with the money it needed to deliver cuts to wait times around Australia – not just in Queensland.

I have said I am working through this issue.

I think it is an important issue and I think it is only proper that we do it in a comprehensive and methodical way.



## Talking Points --

Well I have been banging on about the waiting list for the waiting list for a while and today for the first time we have been able to put some clarity about what this actually means for Queenslanders.

We already knew that there were close to 230,000 Queenslanders waiting for an initial specialist outpatient appointment on 1 January 2015.

But I can tell you today that sadly almost half of them - around 114,000 Queenslanders - have been waiting longer than the clinically recommended time.

## Breakdown

- Around 8,000 Category 1 - the most serious conditions - have waited longer than the clinically recommended wait time which is 30 days);
- Around 63,000 Category 2 patients have waited longer than the clinically recommended wait time (within 90 days); and
- Around 40,000 Category 3 patients have waited longer than the clinically recommended wait time (within 365 days).

This just confirms what people are telling me as I travel around it is very difficult to get into an Outpatient Clinic in a public hospital.

I have been regularly hearing about 1 to 2 year waits to get a surgery Outpatient clinic appointment.

## Didn't you get a system in great order?

Well firstly I don't think a system where over 100,000 Queenslanders can't get the help they need in the clinically recommended time is a system in good order but setting that aside for a minute...

It is true that the Federal Labor government stood up and did the heavy lifting in health reform by providing activity based funding and meeting 45% of the efficient growth in the system.

The decisions taken by the then federal Labor government led to a flood of money into the public hospital system all around Australia and that saw elective surgery wait times slashed throughout the country – not just in Queensland.

So on the back of a federal funds injection some progress has been made but what we need to be clear about is that elective surgery only tells part of the story.

The figures that I have released today make it clear that you can't just focus on one thing.

You have to take a systems based approach – a building block approach – that looks at these issues across the patient journey and that includes how long you have to wait to see a specialist before you can even get on the surgical wait list.

## Will you keep the wait time Guarantee?

Well firstly it's not much of a Guarantee – there are more exclusions than a mobile phone contract!

Including as I have made clear this morning at least 177 people who were simply hidden from the published figures by the LNP when they excluded the Lady Cilento Hospital from the published data.

But look in relation to the wait time programme I have said on a number of occasions that I have concerns with:

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2. The efficacy of the programme – when you have 114,000 people not even impacted by the scheme waiting longer than clinically recommend times I think you have to really doubt if the right approach is to focus all out efforts; and
3. the impact of an undue focus on 1 criteria has for the operation of balanced services in hospital districts.

I have said I am working through this issue.

I think it is an important issue and I think it is only proper that we do it in a comprehensive and methodical way.

I believe in a collegiate approach to government and I intend to talk to my cabinet colleagues about this issue.

Well sorry but you will just have to wait a little longer.

Did you order an investigation in to the Ian Maynard's email?

Well look I think everyone needs to take a cold shower on that one – sometimes things just get blown out of all proportion and this was a classic case of a storm in a tea cup.

The fact is I phoned Ian to wish him well with the next steps in his career so there is no hard feelings from me.

If pushed

Every organisation has systems that operate to control organisation wide emails. I just asked the department why their systems were not followed in this case. Nothing more.

There was no problem with sending the email and there were no problems with what it said. Just a question of process.

Did you talk to him?

Look we played a bit of phone tag but I left him a message just so he knew there were no issues from my end.

RTI REQUESTS



## Michael Carey

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**From:** Rebecca Fanning  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 March 2015 10:02 AM  
**To:** Michael Carey; Kerryn Manifold; Michael Meurer; Oskar Bronowicki  
**Cc:** Greg Fowler  
**Subject:** RE:  
**Attachments:** FINAL Media release - 114,000 waiting longer than clinically recommended time under LNP.docx

When it is time to release, please use this version. I have fixed a couple of typos and added a date.

**From:** Michael Carey  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 March 2015 9:49 AM  
**To:** Kerryn Manifold; Michael Meurer; Oskar Bronowicki  
**Cc:** Greg Fowler; Rebecca Fanning  
**Subject:** RE:

Roger.

**From:** Kerryn Manifold  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 March 2015 9:49 AM  
**To:** Michael Carey; Michael Meurer; Oskar Bronowicki  
**Cc:** Greg Fowler; Rebecca Fanning  
**Subject:** RE:

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**Kerryn Manifold**  
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**From:** Michael Carey  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 March 2015 9:47 AM  
**To:** Kerryn Manifold; Michael Meurer; Oskar Bronowicki  
**Cc:** Greg Fowler; Rebecca Fanning  
**Subject:** RE:

Final MR for release.

KM – we will release from this office.

**From:** Kerryn Manifold  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 March 2015 9:27 AM

To: Michael Meurer; Michael Carey; Oskar Bronowicki  
Subject:

Can u pls send the speaking points for the health stuff.

Thanks.



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## Media release

Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services  
Member for Woodridge  
Hon Cameron Dick MP

### 114,000 waiting 'longer than clinically recommended time' under LNP

The LNP's record on specialist outpatient appointments in Queensland hospitals has taken a hit with 114,000 patients on the "waiting list for the waiting list" waiting longer than clinically recommended times, Health Minister Cameron Dick said today.

"Lawrence Springborg claimed whenever he could that he was the savior of Queensland Health," Mr Dick said.

"114,000 Queenslanders have been left in the waiting room by Lawrence Springborg and the LNP."

Elective surgery wait list figures do not currently include the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital which have 177 ready for care patients who have waited longer than the clinically recommended time as at 1 March 2015.

The patients were excluded from the LNP's figures under then Health Minister Lawrence Springborg.

Mr Dick said that of the 229,737 Queenslanders waiting for an initial appointment at a specialist outpatient clinic as at 1 January 2015, around 114,000 (50 per cent) had been waiting longer than the clinically recommended time:

- Around 8,000 Category 1 patients had waited longer than the clinically recommended wait time (within 30 days);
- Around 63,000 Category 2 patients had waited longer than the clinically recommended wait time (within 90 days); and
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"I think it is time we had an honest discussion about waiting times across a patient's journey through our health system," Mr Dick said.

The [Hospital Performance website](#) is updated on a monthly basis with up-to-date data collected from the hospital and health services.

**Michael Carey**

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**From:** Caucus Support  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 March 2015 4:51 PM  
**To:** @Chiefs of Staff; Adrian Noon  
**Cc:** External - Murrumba Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Government information for info stall at Teddy Bear's Picnic Day in Deception Bay

Apologies for the delay in getting this to you, we had a slight glitch with our caucus support email into the Premiers office.

Do any of your offices happen to have any handouts that the Member for Murrumba might be able to use at a stall at the Teddy Bear's Picnic Day in Deception Bay next Wednesday? If you do, could you respond directly to the Member for Murrumba's office as we may be able to coordinate them coming into Brisbane to collect any materials on the Tuesday of next week.

Many thanks.



**Wendy Bourne**  
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**From:** Murrumba Electorate Office [mailto:Murrumba@parliament.qld.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 March 2015 3:58 PM  
**To:** Caucus Support  
**Subject:** Government information for info stall at Teddy Bear's Picnic Day in Deception Bay

Hello there

We have the opportunity to be present at a stall at the above event, and we have no info to hand out at all.

Could you help us by either getting us some info, or directing me to folk who might be able to help? Trouble is we need to get it by next Tuesday as the picnic is on Wednesday.

If that is all impossible we can cancel it all...

Regards Mary-Anne

Mary-Anne O'Neill  
Electorate Officer

Chris Whiting MP  
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**Michael Carey**

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**From:** Wendy Bourne  
**Sent:** Monday, 9 March 2015 1:54 PM  
**To:** Emily Brogan; Bart Mellish; Laura Gowdie; Ashanthi Jayasekera; Helena Langton; Dylan Kerr; Zac Skyring; Finn McCarthy; Karen Robinson; Johanna Seekers; Danielle Cohen; Chloe Moss; Alana Tibbitts  
**Cc:** Carmen Meshios; Dou Ribu; Liam O'Regan  
**Subject:** EOS Induction  
**Attachments:** EOS INDUCTION TRAINING 2015 ELECTION #2.docx

Dear Caucus Liaison Officers

On Wednesday 11/12 March, electorate office staff from 'new' members offices only will be attending an induction session at Parliament House (see attached document).

The Premiers Caucus Support Unit would like Caucus Liaison Officers to attend this induction at 4.30pm and do a 'meet and greet' with our new Members of Parliament electorate staff. We would appreciate your attendance.

**Location:**

Undumbi Room  
Level 5 Parliamentary Annexe  
Parliament House

**Time:**

4.30pm – 5.00pm

Could you please rsvp Dou in our unit at [Dou.Ribu@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Dou.Ribu@ministerial.qld.gov.au) to let him know of your attendance thanks.

Regards.



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## ELECTORATE OFFICE STAFF - INDUCTION SEMINAR PROGRAM

Day One – 11 March 2015  
Undumbi Room Level 5 Parliamentary Annexe

SESSION NUMBER	TIME	CONTENT (FURTHER INFORMATION)	PRESENTERS
1	9.00 – 9.30	<b>Welcome and introduction to the Parliamentary Service</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Housekeeping</li> <li>◦ What is the Service (structure)?</li> <li>◦ Your role in the Service</li> </ul>	Mr Neil Laurie, The Clerk of the Parliament
2	9.30 – 10.00	<b>Your employment (Terms and conditions)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Terms and Conditions of Employment</li> <li>◦ Superannuation and Salary Packaging</li> </ul>	Mr Peter Morris, Manager, Human Resource Services
3	10:00-10.45	<b>Your workplace</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ The Electorate Office</li> <li>◦ Equipment</li> <li>◦ Maintenance</li> <li>◦ Safety/security systems</li> <li>◦ WH&amp;S</li> </ul>	Mr Michael Hickey, Director, Corporate and House Services  Mr Paul Boreland
<i>10.45 – 11.00 Morning Tea (Level 5 Colonnade)</i>			
4	11:00-11.15	<b>Overview of Member's Entitlements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ The role of the CLA and QIRT</li> <li>◦ The Members' Remuneration Handbook</li> </ul>	Mr Michael Hickey, Director, Corporate and House Services
5	11.15 -1.00	<b>Acquittable Allowances</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ The Electorate Allowance</li> <li>◦ The Information and Communication Allowance</li> </ul>	Mr Michael Hickey, Director, Corporate and House Services  Craig Atkinson, Manager, Finance and Administration
<i>1.00 – 2.00 Lunch (Level 7 or Café?)</i>			
6	2.00 – 3.00	<b>The Acquittal System</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Overview of the system</li> <li>◦ Entering acquittals</li> <li>◦ Reporting</li> </ul>	Craig Atkinson, Manager, Finance and Administration  Kylie Sareen
7	3.00 - 3.30	Tour of Parliamentary precinct	Michael Watkin Sergeant-at-Arms
<i>3.30 – 3.45 Afternoon Tea (Level 5 Colonnade)</i>			
8	3.45 - 4.30	<b>Members' Travel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Entitlements</li> <li>◦ Travel bookings</li> <li>◦ Reporting</li> </ul>	Craig Atkinson, Manager, Finance and Administration  Travel Officers

# ELECTORATE OFFICE STAFF - INDUCTION SEMINAR PROGRAM

Day Two – 12 March 2015  
Undumbi Room Level 5 Parliamentary Annexe

SESSION NUMBER	TIME	CONTENT (FURTHER INFORMATION)	PRESENTERS
9	9.00 – 9.30	<b>The work of an electorate officer</b> a) An overview of the role of a Member of Parliament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Parliament</li> <li>◦ Committees</li> <li>◦ Electorate</li> <li>◦ Party</li> </ul> b) Members' Ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Code of Ethical Standards</li> <li>• Register of Interests - Forms</li> </ul> c) An overview of the support role of Electorate Office staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Code of Conduct and Workplace harassment</li> <li>◦ Social Media issues</li> </ul>	Mr Neil Laurie, The Clerk of the Parliament
10	9.30 – 10.30	An overview of the support role of Electorate Office staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systems for Managing Work in an Electorate Office</li> <li>• Common issues</li> <li>◦ Correspondence</li> <li>• Office workflow</li> </ul>	2 x senior electorate staff
<i>10.30 – 11.00 Morning Tea (Level 5 Colonnade)</i>			
11	11.00 – 1.00	Dealing with difficult clients	Dr Leigh Hodder
<i>1.00 – 1.45 Lunch (Level 5 Colonnade)</i>			
12	1.45 – 3.15	Dealing with threatening behaviour or fixated persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Queensland Police Service</li> <li>• QFTAC</li> </ul>
<i>3.15 – 3.30 Afternoon Tea (Level 5 Colonnade)</i>			
13	3:30 – 4:15	<b>Information Technology and Telecommunications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Office computers</li> <li>◦ Office telephones</li> </ul>	Mr Mike Coburn, Manager, Information Technology Services
14	4:15 – 4.45	<b>Other Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library – research requests</li> <li>◦ Chamber Services – bills and tabled papers</li> <li>◦ Catering – catering on the parliamentary precinct and room bookings</li> <li>◦ Clerk's Office – petitions and e-petitions</li> <li>• Parliamentary Reporting Service (Hansard)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Katherine Brennan, Parliamentary Librarian</li> <li>◦ Ms Jo Mathers</li> <li>• Mr Jaakko Ponsi, Catering Manager</li> <li>◦ Ms Sandy Musch, Secretary to the Clerk</li> <li>• Lucinda Osmond</li> </ul>

**From:** Carmen Meshios  
**Sent:** Monday, 9 March 2015 4:32 PM  
**To:** @Caucus  
**Cc:** @Chiefs of Staff  
**Subject:** FW: Labor delivers on integrity commitments

## Media release

### JOINT STATEMENT

Premier and Minister for the Arts

The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for  
Training and Skills

The Honourable Yvette D'Ath



### Labor delivers on integrity commitments

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk said the Labor Government will begin advertising for a new Chair of the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC) by the end of this week.

The Premier said the new process was part of Labor's sweeping integrity and accountability agenda, with legislation to be introduced in the first sitting week of the new Parliament.

This delivers on the Premier's commitment that accountability and transparency reform would be front and centre of the Government's agenda.

Key commitments include:

- Advertising for a new CCC Chair
- Legislation to lower the political donation threshold from \$12,800 back to \$1,000 (including for period from 21 Nov 2013)
- Restoring six-monthly reporting requirements
- Abolishing voter ID requirements
- Investigating the possibility of real-time disclosure of political donations

"Campbell Newman, Lawrence Springborg and the LNP went to extraordinary lengths to tear down Queensland's integrity and accountability framework, and Queenslanders punished them for it," Ms Palaszczuk said.

"No-one is more committed to good, honest Government than me.



"I took a stand on behalf of Queenslanders at the last election and made a promise to them that Labor would restore the independence to the state's corruption watchdog and reverse the LNP's secret political donation laws.

"Today I deliver on those commitments."

Attorney-General Yvette D'Ath said an international search would begin for a new Chair of the CCC.

"Queensland needs a strong, independent Chair of the CCC. I don't believe that having a hand-picked Chair act in the role for over two years has been appropriate," Ms D'Ath said.

"Under a Labor Government, the CCC will be beholden to no-one and be given real investigative teeth. Queensland's corruption watchdog should be nothing less."

The Premier also confirmed that the Government would introduce legislation in the first sitting week of Parliament to return the political donation threshold to \$1,000.

"The LNP lifted the disclosure threshold to make it possible for someone to donate \$12,800 to a Member of Parliament or a Minister – and not have to declare it to anyone.

"The only motive behind that was to remove reporting requirements for the majority of political donors, ensuring the vast bulk of political donations would stay in the shadows.

"I think Queenslanders deserve to know who is making significant donations to political parties and how much they are donating.

"Our legislation will return the threshold to \$1,000, and it will also capture the period going back to 21 November 2013, when the LNP's legislation came into effect.

"At my direction, Labor in Opposition continued to report donations above \$1,000. I gave everyone fair warning that we would introduce this legislation should we win Government, and that is what I intend to do."

The Government's reforms will also include provisions to seek to develop a real-time donation disclosure system.

"I think this is a really exciting step forward when it comes to integrity and accountability issues.

"There will be significant logistical challenges to tackle before this system, but the amendments we will introduce will provide the mechanism to pursue real-time disclosure.

"We want to get this right because it will ensure Queensland is at the forefront of open and transparent government."

As part of Labor's commitment to an open and accessible democratic process, the Government will remove the retrograde voter ID provisions that were introduced by Jarrod Bleijie and Campbell Newman.

"This Government is delivering on its clear commitment to remove these extreme provisions that do not appear in any other Australian state, territory or federal jurisdictions."

Ms D'Ath said now-Opposition Leader Lawrence Springborg was yet to disown his role in supporting the LNP's secret donation laws.

"At this point we can only assume the LNP still supports hiding massive donations and keeping Queenslanders in the dark," Ms D'Ath said.

"Similarly, we can assume Mr Springborg and the LNP still support their changes to the corruption watchdog that wound back Fitzgerald Inquiry reforms.

"These changes were pushed through by the former LNP Attorney-General Jarrod Bleijie and voters made their views known on his arrogance and incompetence on January 31.

"Every LNP Member at the time voted for these anti-democratic provisions so the real test for Mr Springborg and his team will be whether or not they listen to the clear message that Queenslanders sent.

"We still don't know if the LNP stands by its changes. It is up to Mr Springborg to explain his position."

Parliament resumes on March 24.

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**Michael Carey**

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**From:** Michael Carey  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 March 2015 4:34 PM  
**To:** Lindsay Marshall; Brendan Connell; Kerry Manifold  
**Cc:** Rebecca Fanning; Laura Gowdie; Michael Meurer  
**Subject:** Sunday Stand Up  
**Attachments:** Sunday Stand Up.docx

Team Comms

We have been working to punch out the material for the Sunday Stand up. We still have a bit more work to do. I know it is getting late so here is a cut of the TP's which will give you a feel for where we are going. Please treat them as draft as some of the figures might move around a bit.

We are working on an MR for Sunday.

We are also well advanced for an announcement pack for Monday post Cab which has Q and A, MR and TPs for both us, other Mins and Caucus.

Happy to discuss but I am off line for about two hours from now. I will get a draft MR for Sunday to you later tonight.

Michael.

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## COST OF THE LnPS WAIT LIST PROGAME

### Introduction

- I have been shocked by what I have discovered as I unpicked the LnP's wait time programme.
- Even for Lawrence Springborg – the master of spin – this story is incredible.
- As I looked into the financing of the programme I discovered that \$77million dollars was allocated to the programme over three years.
- This money was to be spent on things like consultants, administration and TV adds instead of things like nurses, doctors and elective surgery.
- \$15million was to be spent on advertising alone.
- In just this year around \$30million was allocated to the programme.
- Of the roughly \$30million allocated to the programme this year not one cent was to be spent on a patient – not one cent.
- Plenty of money for putting adds on TV and not very much for putting patients in beds.
- The question for Mr Springborg is why on earth he thought it was ok to blow \$30million on nothing when close too 230,000 Queenslanders could not even get into see a specialist.

## Waiting list for the Waiting List

- I have been talking about the waiting list for the waiting list for a while and over the last few days - for the first time we have been able to put some clarity about what this actually means for Queenslanders.
- We already knew that there were close to 230,000 Queenslanders waiting for an initial specialist outpatient appointment on 1 January 2015.
- But sadly almost half of them - around 114,000 Queenslanders - have been waiting longer than the clinically recommended time.

## Breakdown of figures

- Around 8,000 Category 1 – the most serious conditions - have waited longer than the clinically recommended wait time which is 30 days);
- Around 63,000 Category 2 patients have waited longer than the clinically recommended wait time (within 90 days); and
- Around 40,000 Category 3 patients have waited longer than the clinically recommended wait time (within 365 days).
- This just confirms what people are telling me as I travel around - it is very difficult to get into an Outpatient Clinic in a public hospital.

## Didn't you get a system in great order?

- A system where over 100,000 Queenslanders can't get the help they need in the clinically recommended time is not a system in good order.
- It is true that the Federal Labor government stood up and did the heavy lifting in health reform by providing activity based funding and meeting 45% of the efficient growth in the system.
- The decisions taken by the then Federal Labor government led to a flood of money into the public hospital system all around Australia and that saw elective surgery wait times slashed throughout the country – not just in Queensland.
- So on the back of a federal funds injection some progress has been made but what we need to be clear about is that elective surgery only tells part of the story.
- You have to take a systems based approach – a building block approach – that looks at these issues across the patient journey and that includes how long you have to wait to see a specialist before you can even get on the surgical wait list.
- In circumstances where money is tight and activity is important I think to spend \$15million on advertising is not a good investment.

## Will you keep the wait time Programme?

Well firstly it's not much of a Guarantee – there are more exclusions than a mobile phone contract.

In relation to the wait time programme, I have said before that I have concerns about:

1. The financial underpinning of the programme – spending money on publicity is not the same thing as spending money on patients;
2. The efficacy of the programme - when you have 114,000 people not even impacted by the scheme waiting longer than clinically recommend times I think you have to really doubt if the right approach is to focus all out efforts; and
3. The impact of an undue focus on 1 criteria has for the operation of balanced services in hospital districts.

I have been working through this issue carefully and methodically.

I believe in cabinet government and intended to talk to my Cabinet colleagues about these issues in the near future. Once I have had an opportunity to do that I may have more to say.

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## What will you do/What is your Plan?

- Well firstly can I say we need to have an honest conversation with people about the state of the system and I have started doing that.
- Secondly you need to be extremely careful when you are allocating valuable health dollars to ensure you are squeezing maximum value from the spend and frankly I am not sure an advertising a programme that did not deliver any surgery is a good investment.
- Thirdly – as I have said before – we must stop and look at the entire patient journey from their primary care interactions through diagnostic stages and into treatment and recovery.
- Fourthly, you need a funding model that reflects the work that happens in the system and sadly we currently have a federal government hell bent on taking billions of dollars out of the public hospital system in Queensland – anyone who thinks this won't have an impact at your local hospital and the services they can provide has rocks in their head.
- So we will pursue these principles and deliver a vision of health in Queensland that is safe, efficient and innovative because that is what people want.

### On wait times

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**Helen O'Mara**

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**From:** Jackie Hughes  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2015 4:59 PM  
**To:** @Office PAs

Good afternoon

I have been advised that the signature block attached is one we would like to use over whole of government. Feel free to save and use mine with your changes. Of course your Minister will decide if that's what they want.

Any questions please just call.

Cheers



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**From:** Jackie Hughes  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 March 2015 6:16 PM  
**To:** Alice Gilliver; Andrea Bontje; Annie Gurnett; Cheryl Packer; Christine Collyer; Dylan Kerr; Hayley Lockyer; Helen Omara; Johanna Seekers; Kay Swanston; Rachael Georgieff; Roz Raleigh; Susan Bourne; Susanne Harper  
**Subject:** Business Reception

Good afternoon

Can I please ask you to update your Minister's diary with this date claimer. The Premier is hosting a Business reception on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 in the Premiers and Speakers Halls at Parliament House. Timing is 6:00pm for a 6:30pm start until 8:00pm.

If you have any questions please get in touch.

Kindest regards.

Jackie



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**From:** Jackie Hughes  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 March 2015 10:51 AM  
**To:** Alice Gilliver; Andrea Bontje; Annie Gurnett; Cheryl Packer; Christine Collyer; Dylan Kerr; Hayley Lockyer; Helen Omara; Jackie Hughes; Johanna Seekers; Kay Swanston; Rachael Georgieff; Roz Raleigh; Susan Bourne; Susanne Harper  
**Subject:** FW: Business Forum  
**Attachments:** Order of Proceedings.doc

Good morning

Please find attached run sheet for the Business Reception on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Ministers to attend.

Cheers

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**From:** Bronwyn Davies [mailto:Bronwyn.Davies@premiers.qld.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 March 2015 9:30 AM  
**To:** Jackie Hughes  
**Subject:** Business Forum

Hi Jackie

Attached is a draft run sheet for the Business Forum on Tuesday 10 March.

Many thanks  
Cheers

**Bronwyn Davies**  
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Parliamentary Annexe

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**From:** Jackie Hughes  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 March 2015 11:04 AM  
**To:** @Office PAs  
**Subject:** FW: Business Forum  
**Attachments:** Order of Proceedings.doc

Good morning

Apologies there was an error in the previous run sheet sent. Please destroy and use this one.

Apologies again.

jackie



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**From:** Michele Bourke  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 March 2015 5:34 PM  
**To:** Helen Omara  
**Subject:** Representative request from the Premier - Opening of the Sunshine Coast Private Hospital Breast Clinic  
**Attachments:** 13 March 2015 Opening of the Sunshine Coast Private Hospital Breast Clinic (2).pdf; PROTOCOL FORM for Premier's Representative.docx

Dear Helen

The Premier has requested that the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services Hon Cameron Dick MP represent her at the Opening of the Sunshine Coast Private Hospital Breast Clinic to be held on Friday 13 March 2015.

I have attached the invitation to the Premier with details of this event as well as a template Protocol Form.

Please advise me as soon as possible if the Minister is able to represent the Premier at this event.

Kind regards

Michele



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**Michele Bourke**  
Administrative Officer  
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You and your partner are invited  
to a cocktail party to celebrate

*The Opening of*  
The Sunshine Coast Private Hospital  
**Breast Clinic**

*Friday*  
13 March 2015

Level 1 Carpark  
1111 Esplanade  
Palm Beach  
6:30pm - 8pm

Guests will be invited for an exclusive  
pre-opening tour of the Breast Clinic

RSVP to [melinda.steyn@uhealth.com.au](mailto:melinda.steyn@uhealth.com.au)  
or 07 5430 3305 by Friday 6 March 2015

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The Hon Ms Anastacia Palaszczuk MP  
Premier and Member for Inala  
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Dear Premier Palaszczuk

Congratulations on your election victory and the establishment of your government for Queensland. We look forward to working with you and your government.

The Sunshine Coast Private Hospital, a member of UnitingCare Health will open our new Breast Clinic on Monday 16 March. This new specialist service will offer same-day clinical examination, imaging and biopsy services to women with breast-related symptoms, as well as a routine screening service.

Modelled on the renowned The Wesley Hospital Breast Clinic in Brisbane, our clinic has been purpose-built onsite at the hospital at Buderim. The state-of-the-art facility is the only diagnostic breast clinic north of Brisbane and features the latest technology and equipment, including 3D mammography, ultrasounds and an Australian-first mammography information system, called MagView.

To celebrate the launch of this exciting new service for women on the Sunshine Coast, I will be hosting an opening function at The Sunshine Coast Private Hospital from 6.30-8.00pm on 13 March 2015. I would be pleased if you would consider attending this event and join with us to celebrate the access this service will provide to women of the Sunshine Coast and the surrounding regional communities.

Additionally I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Debbie Pfeiffer as the Director of our Breast Clinic at Buderim. Dr Pfeiffer is an experienced breast physician with a background in general practice and women's health, medical administration and women's breast imaging. Dr Pfeiffer will see patients and lead our specialised multi-disciplinary team of breast care physicians, nurses, radiographers, sonographers and radiologists.

The Sunshine Coast Breast Clinic will enable:

- Patients being seen by an experienced breast physician at the time of consultation
- Biopsies being performed on the day of consultation and a provisional result given to the patient in person by specialist breast clinicians
- Results being reviewed by the clinic's specialist multi-disciplinary team
- Ability to accommodate priority cases
- Pre-operative imaging prior to breast surgery
- Capacity to facilitate same day referrals to onsite MRI service
- Access to the Sunshine Coast's leading breast surgeons

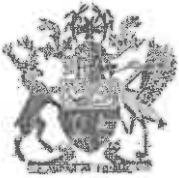
We are proud to be adding this vital new service to the quality care we have provided to the people of the Sunshine Coast for the past 35 years. I hope that you will join me to welcome this exciting new service, which opens access to state-of-the-art breast services for Sunshine Coast women.

Yours faithfully,



Wallis Westbrook  
GENERAL MANAGER





# PREMIER'S REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDANCE PROTOCOL FORM

To confirm the attendance of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ at your function, could you please kindly complete the following form and return it to the ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ office as soon as conveniently possible and no later than ~~XXXXXX~~. The office will also require final versions of the following (if applicable)...

- Running sheet
- Guest list
- Seating arrangements for Premier's table
- Speech notes/background information
- List of acknowledgments

Should you have any queries, please contact ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, on ph: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
Please return this completed form to ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

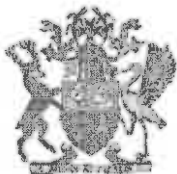
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<i>In case of emergency, please nominate a person/s within the organisation who can be contacted on the day of the function (a mobile number is preferred). Please ensure this person is aware they are the emergency contact and their mobile remains switched on.</i>	
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# PREMIER'S REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDANCE PROTOCOL FORM

<b>MINISTERIAL VEHICLE</b>
<i>The Minister will arrive in his/her Ministerial vehicle and a car space will need to be made available for the duration of the Minister's attendance. Please detail parking instructions below.</i>

<b>PERSONS TO GREET THE MINISTER ON ARRIVAL</b>			
<i>Please list the location and the name/s of those who will greet the Minister on his/her arrival.</i>			
<b>NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON #1:</b>		<b>MOBILE:</b>	
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<b>PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WISH FOR THE PREMIER TO SPEAK ON A SPECIFIC TOPIC:</b>		
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# PREMIER'S REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDANCE PROTOCOL FORM

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**Sent:** Monday, 9 March 2015 12:46 PM  
**To:** Helen Omara  
**Subject:** Representative request from the Premier - Logan Diggers Club War Animals Dedication Ceremony  
**Attachments:** 14 March 2015 Logan Diggers Club War Animals Dedication Ceremony (2).pdf; PROTOCOL FORM for Premier's Representative.docx

Dear Helen

The Premier has requested that the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services Hon Cameron Dick MP represent her at the Logan Diggers Club War Animals Dedication Ceremony to be held on Saturday 14 March 2015 at the Logan Diggers Club, Blackwood Road, Logan Central.

I have attached the invitation to the Premier with details of this event, as well as the template Protocol Form.

Please advise me as soon as possible if the Minister is able to represent the Premier at this event.

Kind regards

Michele



Queensland  
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**Michele Bourke**  
Administrative Officer  
**Office of the Hon. Annastacia Palaszczuk MP**  
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**The Premier**

**From:** The Premier  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 March 2015 2:00 PM  
**To:** [redacted]@logandiggers.com.au  
**Subject:** RE: Logan Diggers Animal Memorial Dedication Ceremony

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Thank you for your email to the Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier of Queensland. The Premier appreciates the time you have taken to contact her with your comments. As the Premier receives a large amount of correspondence, a response will be provided, if appropriate, in due course.

Yours sincerely

Office of the Premier

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**From:** Inala Electorate Office [mailto:Inala@parliament.qld.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 March 2015 12:07 PM  
**To:** The Premier  
**Subject:** FW: Logan Diggers Animal Memorial Dedication Ceremony

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**From:** Lynda Foulis [mailto:[redacted]@logandiggers.com.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 March 2015 12:04 PM  
**To:** Inala Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Logan Diggers Animal Memorial Dedication Ceremony

Dear Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

Logan Diggers Club cordially invites you and a guest to attend our Animal Dedication Ceremony on Saturday, 14 March at 10am to be held at Logan Diggers Club, 42-48 Blackwood Road, Logan Central and following the service we would also invite you to join us for refreshments in the Club.

Please RSVP to Lynda Foulis by Friday, 6 March on 3387 3111 or via email pa@logandiggers.com.au.

Kind regards,

Lynda

[redacted] Admin & Marketing Assistant  
**LOGAN DIGGERS**

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CORDIALLY INVITE  
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Join us on  
**SATURDAY**  
**MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
10AM for 10.30AM

Remember our  
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See these  
War Heroes  
Live  
on the  
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Lest We Forget  
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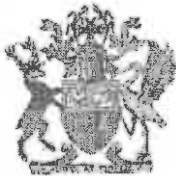
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**Sent:** Sunday, 1 March 2015 2:41 PM  
**To:** Michael Meurer; Rebecca Fanning  
**Subject:** FW: Food poisoning outbreak

FYI only

**From:** Emma Smith <[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Date:** 1 March 2015 2:37:23 pm AEST  
**To:** "@Premiers Media Advisors" <PremiersMedia@min.internal>  
**Cc:** Don Wilson <[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>, Verena McCarthy <[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Food poisoning outbreak

Good afternoon,

Our office has been informed that some attendees of Friday's school principals' forum are experiencing food poisoning.

Initial reports suggest 19 people have been affected and 3 people have been to hospital.

I'll send through more information and some lines as details emerge.

Thanks,

Emma

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**Rebecca Fanning**

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**From:** Greg Fowler  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 March 2015 3:42 PM  
**To:** Michael Meurer; Rebecca Fanning  
**Subject:** National Tertiary Education Union - ads on medical degrees

<http://www.nteu.org.au/article/Deregulation-hurts-everyone-17352>

For your interest.  
Greg

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**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2015 10:06 PM  
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**Attachments:** Key Lines- Out Pats TPs.docx; Media release - New data on Queensland wait lists - WITH EVERYONE'S EDITS.docx

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## Key Lines

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I just think fundamentally people will respect you more if you are honest. These figures are an honest assessment of some of the challenges that our health system faces.

In relation to the wait time programme I have said on a number of occasions that I have concerns with:

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I think it is an important issue and I think it is only proper that we do it in a comprehensive and methodical way.

## Talking Points –

Well I have been banging on about the waiting list for the waiting list for a while and today for the first time we have been able to put some clarity about what this actually means for Queenslanders.

We already knew that there were close to 230,000 Queenslanders waiting for an initial specialist outpatient appointment on 1 January 2015.

But I can tell you today that sadly almost half of them - around 114,000 Queenslanders - have been waiting longer than the clinically recommended time.

## Breakdown

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This just confirms what people are telling me as I travel around it is very difficult to get into an Outpatient Clinic in a public hospital.

I have been regularly hearing about 1 to 2 year waits to get a surgery Outpatient clinic appointment.



## Didn't you get a system in great order?

Well firstly I don't think a system where over 100,000 Queenslanders can't get the help they need in the clinically recommended time is a system in good order but setting that aside for a minute...

It is true that the Federal Labor government stood up and did the heavy lifting in health reform by providing activity based funding and meeting 45% of the efficient growth in the system.

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So on the back of a federal funds injection some progress has been made but what we need to be clear about is that elective surgery only tells part of the story.

The figures that I have released today make it clear that you can't just focus on one thing.

You have to take a systems based approach – a building block approach – that looks at these issues across the patient journey and that includes how long you have to wait to see a specialist before you can even get on the surgical wait list.

## Will you keep the wait time Guarantee?

Well firstly it's not much of a Guarantee – there are more exclusions than a mobile phone contract!

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I believe in a collegiate approach to government and I intend to talk to my cabinet colleagues about this issue.

Well sorry but you will just have to wait a little longer.

**Did you order an investigation in to the Ian Maynard's email?**

Well look I think everyone needs to take a cold shower on that one – sometimes things just get blown out of all proportion and this was a classic case of a storm in a tea cup.

The fact is I phoned Ian to wish him well with the next steps in his career so there is no hard feelings from me.

**If pushed**

Every organisation has systems that operate to control organisation wide emails. I just asked the department why their systems were not followed in this case. Nothing more.

There was no problem with sending the email and there were no problems with what it said. Just a question of process.

**Did you talk to him?**

Look we played a bit of phone tag but I left him a message just so he knew there were no issues from my end.

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Kind regards,

Rebecca.

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## Key Lines

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I think it is an important issue and I think it is only proper that we do it in a comprehensive and methodical way.

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This just confirms what people are telling me as I travel around it is very difficult to get into an Outpatient Clinic in a public hospital.

I have been regularly hearing about 1 to 2 year waits to get a surgery Outpatient clinic appointment.



## Didn't you get a system in great order?

Well firstly I don't think a system where over 100,000 Queenslanders can't get the help they need in the clinically recommended time is a system in good order but setting that aside for a minute...

It is true that the Federal Labor government stood up and did the heavy lifting in health reform by providing activity based funding and meeting 45% of the efficient growth in the system.

The decisions taken by the then federal Labor government led to a flood of money into the public hospital system all around Australia and that saw elective surgery wait times slashed throughout the country – not just in Queensland.

So on the back of a federal funds injection some progress has been made but what we need to be clear about is that elective surgery only tells part of the story.

The figures that I have released today make it clear that you can't just focus on one thing.

You have to take a systems based approach – a building block approach – that looks at these issues across the patient journey and that includes how long you have to wait to see a specialist before you can even get on the surgical wait list.

## Will you keep the wait time Guarantee?

Well firstly it's not much of a Guarantee – there are more exclusions than a mobile phone contract!

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Well sorry but you will just have to wait a little longer.

**Did you order an investigation in to the Ian Maynard's email?**

Well look I think everyone needs to take a cold shower on that one – sometimes things just get blown out of all proportion and this was a classic case of a storm in a tea cup.

The fact is I phoned Ian to wish him well with the next steps in his career so there is no hard feelings from me.

**If pushed**

Every organisation has systems that operate to control organisation wide emails. I just asked the department why their systems were not followed in this case. Nothing more.

There was no problem with sending the email and there were no problems with what it said. Just a question of process.

**Did you talk to him?**

Look we played a bit of phone tag but I left him a message just so he knew there were no issues from my end.

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**Subject:** Health Minister Cameron Dick gives Queensland AIDS Council hope for state funding.

As this issue move beyond media to a meeting and QH briefing please keep me advised.

<http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/queensland/health-minister-cameron-dick-gives-queensland-aids-council-hope-for-state-funding-20150305-13witm.html>

The HIV Foundation and arrangements with other NGOs also need to be considered within the context of out election commitment to a state-wide sexual health strategy and re-establishing the Biala Sexual Health Clinic. For QuAC the first issue is around access to state subsidised testing kits for their clinic.  
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Team Comms

We have been working to punch out the material for the Sunday Stand up. We still have a bit more work to do. I know it is getting late so here is a cut of the TP's which will give you a feel for where we are going. Please treat them as draft as some of the figures might move around a bit.

We are working on an MR for Sunday.

We are also well advanced for an announcement pack for Monday post Cab which has Q and A, MR and TPs for both us, other Mins and Caucus.

Happy to discuss but I am off line for about two hours from now. I will get a draft MR for Sunday to you later tonight.

Michael.



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# COST OF THE LnPS WAIT LIST PROGRAMME

## Introduction

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- Even for Lawrence Springborg – the master of spin – this story is incredible.
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- \$15million was to be spent on advertising alone.
- In just this year around \$30million was allocated to the programme.
- Of the roughly \$30million allocated to the programme this year not one cent was to be spent on a patient – not one cent.
- Plenty of money for putting adds on TV and not very much for putting patients in beds.
- The question for Mr Springborg is why on earth he thought it was ok to blow \$30million on nothing when close too 230,000 Queenslanders could not even get into see a specialist.

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"This money was to be spent on consultants, administration and TV adds and not for things like nurses, doctors and delivering actual medical procedures.

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Almost 230,000 Queenslanders were waiting for an initial appointment at a specialist outpatient clinic as at 1 January 2015, and around 114,000 of these (50 per cent) had been waiting longer than the clinically recommended time.

“I said I would put Lawrence Springborg’s program under scrutiny and investigate how it was to be funded.

“What I have found is that it didn’t provide a single dollar to Hospital and Health Services to deliver additional services to patients.

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Premier Palaszczuk said that the program provided over \$30 million for bureaucracy and advertising in 2014-15 alone, with even more to follow in future years.

“That amount of money could have instead funded around 200 nurse positions along with 500 hip replacements.”

In total, a staggering \$15 million was to be spent on advertising under the program.

“We will not continue with a program which was always about publicity and never about patients.”

“We will work with hospitals, clinicians and the department to put together a wider reaching commitment which will deliver improvement for many more patients.

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# COST OF THE LnPS WAIT LIST PROGAME

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## Breakdown of figures

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