

fibres copper network is part of the reason for the decline. Under the prior Labor government, we were moving towards an all-fibre based network, which is what most of our competitors are now doing and what consumers want.

The top 10 countries for average connection speeds are: No. 1 South Korea, No. 2 Hong Kong, No. 3 Japan, No. 4 Switzerland, No. 5 Sweden, No. 6 Netherlands, No. 7 Ireland even the Irish are better than us No. 8 Latvia, No. 9 Czechoslovakia and No. 10 Singapore. Even Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain and New Zealand have faster speeds than ours. Malcolm Turnbull, a former minister for communications and now Prime Minister, carries the legacy for this disgraceful mess.

Abbot as prime minister and Turnbull as the then minister for communications proposed a faster cheaper model, instead of offering optical fibre direct to Australian homes. We now see NBN largely rolled out to street nodes, with the final connection to residents made through the existing copper network. Initially, the coalition claimed a new NBN would cost \$29.5 billion, as opposed to Labor's \$44.9 billion, and would deliver speeds of 25 megabytes per second to the country by 2016, which would be well ahead of Labor's scheme. We now know the cost of the scheme has blown out to \$56 billion. It is not expected to be finished until 2020, which is more than four years behind schedule.

The residents in Ferry Grove, which takes in parts of the federal electorates of Dickson and Ryan, are only able to reach internet connections during a full moon, when a westerly wind is blowing. I have spoken to the honourable members for Pine Rivers and Kallangur, who have indicated similar stories of connection problems in their electorates. This is not unique to Ferry Grove. That is why my office has been receiving copious complaints from constituents in the federal seats of Ryan and Dickson.

On 5 February this year, a family moved into Upper Kedron having lived in Canada for 12 years. Before moving, they checked with Telstra about broadband coverage and were told that their proposed home would be covered. They signed up for a 1,000 gigabyte account. In January, they had the internet connected only to be told by Telstra that their coverage did not extend to the house. Instead, they were offered a 3G connection at 25 gigabytes. That is not enough for a family of six. The family has been told that there are no plans to upgrade the network.

In Arana Hills, Mr Brown was receiving 11.5 megabyte download speed. Today, on the same network and with the same provider, Mr Brown is receiving four megabyte download speed. His ISP has explained that the network is now at its maximum subscription and there are no plans to improve service, as the NBN is coming in. However, Arana Hills is not slated for rollout until 2019 and, even then, it is cable to the home.

Dickson resident Bill McKeever, who lives at Mount Glorious, has discovered that the fibre optic cable is already running past his home, but even under the Turnbull government's NBN plan when Mount Glorious receives its version of the NBN it will not include any fibre or even cable options. Wireless is the best option and the best outcome for Mount Glorious. It is all they can hope for, despite the existing cable running past Mr McKeever's home.

A proper NBN is the national highway system of the 21st century. Without adequate investment that includes expansive capacity, there is little hope that the billions being spent will sufficiently meet the needs of Queensland or Australia in the coming decades. Working from home reduces the stress on our roads and improves the quality of our lives. Many more constituents, particularly in the federal seat of Dickson, choose to operate their businesses from home. To use the internet for work today requires what the current NBN is promising. What about the jobs for tomorrow? Should not we be planning for them? Do it once and do it right. Upgrade the technology at the home and in the exchange, not through the cabling in between. There is only one thing to do and that is to bring this federal government into the 21st century, throw them out and vote Labor.

(Time expired)

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Farmer): Order! The time for matters of public interest has expired.

LEGISLATION (DECLARATION) AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction



Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (12.28 pm): I present a bill for an act to amend the Mental Health Act 2016, the Racing Act 2002 and the Racing Integrity Act 2016 for particular purposes. I table the bill and the explanatory notes.

Tabled paper: Legislation (Declaration) Amendment Bill 2016.

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I rise to introduce the Legislation (Declaration) Amendment Bill 2016. The bill is technical in nature and is being introduced to put beyond doubt the validity of the Mental Health Act 2016 and the Racing Integrity Act 2016, which were both passed by the parliament earlier this year. As members would be aware, this morning in a statement the Clerk of the Parliament advised the House of the reason for this bill. As a result of unfortunate administrative errors, both bills as presented retrospectively to His Excellency the Governor and Her Excellency the Acting Governor for assent contained minor discrepancies. That meant that the bills assented to were different to the bills as passed by the parliament.

The Clerk has also written to me and advised that it is his opinion that proceeding with the Legislation (Declaration) Amendment Bill 2016, to validate the Mental Health Act 2016 and the Racing Integrity Act 2016, and correct the errors in the bills assented to, is the appropriate action for this parliament to take. I table that letter for the information of members.

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 8 June 2016, from the Clerk of the Parliament, Mr Neil Laurie, to the Leader of the House and Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games, Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe, regarding an error in the Racing Integrity Bill and the Mental Health Bill presented for assent.

These errors occurred in the context of the Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel implementing a new legislative drafting and publishing information system. The discovery of these administrative errors in bills passed by this parliament and prepared for assent is a source of great concern for the Parliamentary Counsel and for her staff. The Parliamentary Counsel, Annette O'Callaghan, has asked me to convey to the parliament her sincerest apology for these errors and for the impost on the parliament's time necessary to consider this bill to address them.

Given the bill's purpose of putting beyond any doubt the validity of the existing legislation, I will be seeking for the bill to be declared urgent and for it to immediately proceed through all stages today. I commend the bill to the House.

First Reading

Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (12.30 pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

Declared Urgent

Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (12.30 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—

That, under the provisions of standing order 137, the Legislation (Declaration) Amendment Bill be declared an urgent bill and be considered immediately.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

Second Reading



~~**Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (12.31 pm): I move—~~

~~That the bill be now read a second time.~~



~~**Mr SEENEY** (Callide—LNP) (12.31 pm): The opposition will be supporting the technical bill that has been introduced into the House by the Leader of the House in response to the statement that the Clerk made to the House this morning. The Clerk has explained the breach that occurred. The bill is of a technical nature to address that breach. I have no disagreement with the comments made by the Leader of the House. We will support this bill to correct the issue that is before the House.~~



~~**Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (12.31 pm), in reply: I thank the Leader of Opposition Business for his support and the support of those opposite. I thank those across the parliament who have been briefed about this matter for their support. I trust that we will now see this dealt with expeditiously.~~

~~Question put—That the bill be now read a second time.~~