

Queensland ministers Tim Mander and Amanda Camm's secret relationship outed



Queensland ministers Amanda Camm and Tim Mander. Picture: Facebook

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G'day readers and welcome to the latest edition of Feeding the Chooks, your weekly insight into what's really going on in Queensland parliament.

Amanda Mander

The lid was lifted on the worst-kept secret in Queensland politics this week: Sports Minister **Tim Mander** and Child Safety Minister **Amanda Camm** are romantically involved.

Their relationship was formally declared to Cabinet by Premier **David Crisafulli** on Monday, but Chooks understands their colleagues have known about the couple for months.

Mander, who holds the Brisbane seat of Everton, is said to have separated from his wife of many years earlier this year.

Tabled by: Mr Chris Whiting MP

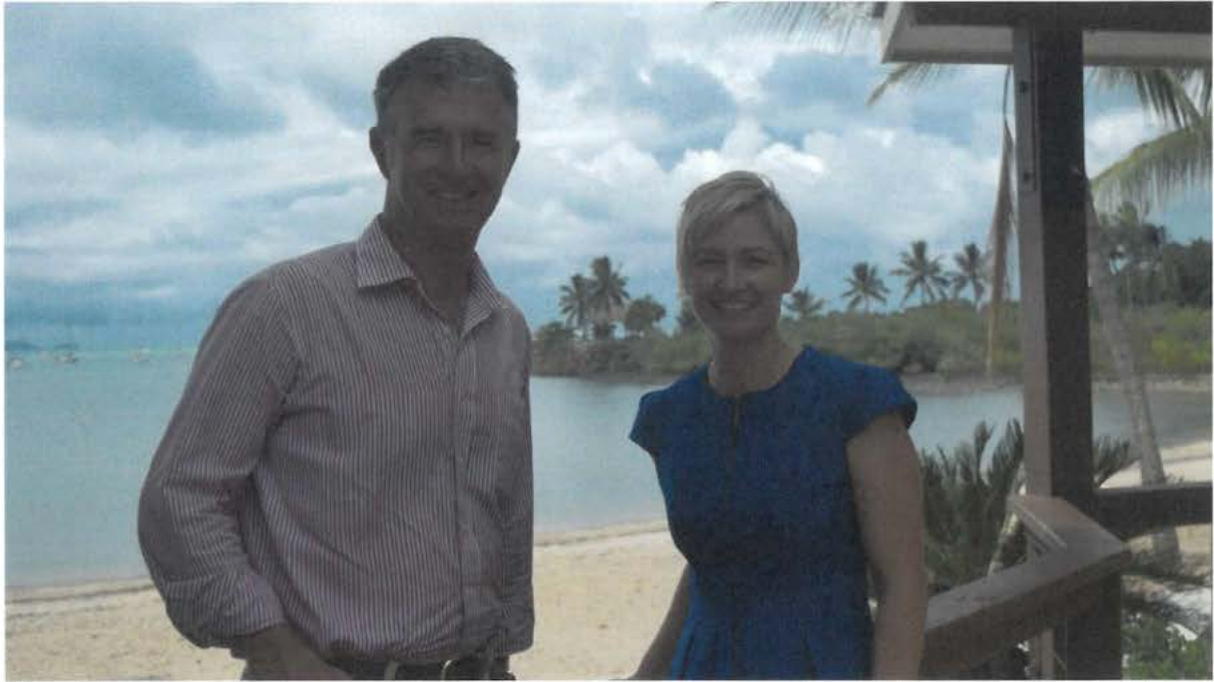
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Word around town is that the Olympics minister – who is earning more than \$300,000-a-year – didn't bother renting out a bachelor pad after leaving the marital home.

Instead, Mander has been holed-up for about three months in his taxpayer-funded digs in the Annexe, the building attached to Parliament House for MPs to stay overnight when in town for parliamentary business.



Tim Mander with Amanda Camm when she was a candidate for the 2020 election.

The rooms are allocated (in order) to ministers first, then regional MPs, the opposition leadership and finally to the remaining MPs, according to the geographical distance of their electorates from Parliament House.

About five inner-city MPs miss out on getting a bedroom. For the record, Mander's electorate office in Everton Park is just a bit over 9km from Parliament House.

There are no rules and no policing of who stays in the annexe, when, or for how long in their allocated rooms.



One of the bedrooms in the recently renovated parliamentary annexe building.
Picture: NCA NewsWire/Tertius Pickard

But every year, MPs must declare to the Tax Office any night they stay in the annexe that is not related to parliamentary business, and pay a sum, under fringe benefits tax rules.

Mander, a former Scripture Union chief executive and rugby league referee, is not the first to stay in the annexe after a marriage break-up.

Spies have told us that some ministers a few decades ago lived in the annexe for years.

Mander didn't respond to questions about his temporary lodgings.