



Speech by

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**MEMBER FOR NICKLIN**

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**MEMBER FOR NICKLIN'S REPORT ON EXPENSES; CONONDALE BRIDGE**

**Mr WELLINGTON** (Nicklin—IND) (7.16 a.m.): Earlier this evening, the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition tabled reports on relevant expenses. Accordingly, I now table a report on expenses attributed to my office as calculated by the Ministerial Services Branch. I have been told by the Ministerial Services Branch that this report has been compiled on a cash basis. I have been told that future reports will be based on accrual accounting principles in line with changes in Government accounting and reporting generally. I believe that I have been frugal and prudent in the running of my office, and I table that report.

There is one further matter that I wish to talk about this evening, and that is in relation to a little bridge that provides crucial access to the town of Conondale in my electorate. Unfortunately, this bridge was seriously damaged in recent floodwaters. About a week after the floodwaters had abated in Conondale, Main Roads staff had constructed a temporary alternative access over the river. About 14 days later, the temporary crossing was seriously damaged by further flooding. Last Saturday, the temporary crossing was repaired and access was again provided to the Conondale community.

I understand that it will be a further week before a report is finalised in relation to the alternatives of repairing the bridge or rebuilding it. On behalf of the Conondale community, I urge the Government to seriously consider that final report and act as promptly as appropriate in either repairing the bridge or constructing an alternative bridge for that community.

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