



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Integrity Commissioner

Hon. P. D. BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.48 a.m.): The state government is in the process of seeking a new Integrity Commissioner to advise on issues of ethics, integrity and probity. Whoever becomes the new Integrity Commissioner will follow in the footsteps of Queensland's first Integrity Commissioner, retired Supreme Court Judge Alan Demack. I seek leave to incorporate the rest of the details of my ministerial statement in *Hansard* for the information of members.

Leave granted.

Mr Demack is retiring from the position. He has done an outstanding job since his appointment in 2000.

The Integrity Commissioner is part of a network of checks, balances and watchdogs that makes this government the most accountable in Queensland's history.

Queensland was the first Australian government with an integrity commissioner, and we are one of the few governments world-wide with such a person.

The statutory officer gives advice, on request, to the Premier, Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, statutory office holders, ministerial staff, chief executive officers, and other senior officers of departments and public service offices. Expressions of interest to replace Mr Demack closed on Monday.

But today I just want to place on the record my thanks to Mr Demack—and to his wife Dorothy—for the magnificent contribution they have made to making a better Queensland.

Mr Demack has set an excellent standard. He is a knowledgeable wise person of the utmost integrity.

I thank him and I wish him well.