



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Blue Cards

Hon. P.D. BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.37 a.m.): Last month cabinet agreed to expand the working with children checks after a review of the operation of the blue card. The review reaffirmed the threshold concept of the blue card, which was designed to fill gaps in screening of potential and existing employees and volunteers in child related areas. To this end, employees and volunteers in several new categories of child related employment will be required to hold blue cards. It became apparent during the review that the screening processes vary across government agencies. Accordingly, my department, following a decision by cabinet yesterday, will now conduct a further review of all employment screening processes of line agencies providing child related services or activities with the aim of standardising these processes.