



Speech by

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QUEENSLAND HEALTH

Mr HOOLIHAN (Keppel—ALP) (10.28 am): We hear in this House so much criticism of Queensland Health, despite the wonderful treatment it provides to Queenslanders. But has anyone ever stopped to compare or to think about what happens in the private system? I have an experience to relate to the House in relation to my treatment by Queensland Health. At the end of January I suffered a severe wound to my lower leg. I have private health insurance and I have a private doctor, but on a Sunday afternoon it was impossible to find my own private doctor and to get to the private hospitals on the Capricorn Coast and in Rockhampton would have required a fair amount of travel. I attended at Queensland Health in Yeppoon and saw a doctor within 10 minutes. I had suturing to my leg. The treatment I received from Queensland Health was equivalent to and probably better than some private treatment. The doctor attended and nurses were there. Queensland Health maintains these wonderful people in every hospital and they are there 24/7. They are there to provide treatment to Queenslanders, and the quality of treatment is second to none. I say to the media and to the opposition that it is time they realised that—

Mr Messenger interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Member for Burnett, I warn you under standing order 253.

Mr HOOLIHAN: Queensland Health is a large organisation which has consistently cared for the welfare of Queenslanders. I thank all the health professionals very much for their wonderful treatment.