



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Member for Bundaberg

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier) (10.11 am): The member for Bundaberg, Nita Cunningham, is a tireless advocate of the people of Bundaberg in this House, and she delivers strong representation for her constituents and the wider region. Members would be aware that Nita has recently undergone surgery to treat skin cancer.

I further advise members that Nita will now be undergoing radium treatment as follow-up to that surgery. The radium treatment will begin this Wednesday and will last for five weeks. During that time Nita will continue to actively represent the people of Bundaberg. While in Brisbane for treatment she will work out of her office here, and while in Bundaberg she will continue her duties on the ground as normal. I should also point out that, while the treatment begins this week, she will still be here for each day of this sitting.

I know all members will join me in wishing Nita the best for her treatment, and I can assure the people of Bundaberg that she will continue to work tirelessly on their behalf. If the member for Bundaberg does need some time off for this treatment, she will have my blessing and my support. I spoke to the Leader of the Opposition about this. We all agree that anyone who has a fair dinkum need for medical treatment should be excused from the House or any other duties if the need arises. Nita, I wish you well. Good luck.