



Speech by

# Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

### Patel, Dr J; Compensation

**Hon. PD BEATTIE** (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier) (9.43 am): In relation to the government's special process to compensate victims of Jayant Patel, I am pleased to inform the House of the progress. As of last week, 52 claims had been settled and a further 12 claims were settled in mediations in Bundaberg last week. We are fulfilling our promise to compensate people quickly and fairly. We have a long way to go. We have received 376 claims in all. In the main, I am told that victims and the victims groups are satisfied with the special process and the way claims are handled. I want to thank everyone involved in this process for the constructive way they have approached this issue. I know that the Attorney-General and the Minister for Health will continue to see that these things are dealt with quickly.