



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

Hansard Wednesday, 23 May 2007

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Integrity Commissioner

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.47 am): I am pleased to inform the House that Mr Gary Crooke QC has been reappointed to the role of Queensland's Integrity Commissioner for a further two years. My government prides itself on delivering ethical and honest government, and the Integrity Commissioner helps ensure the highest standards of probity and honesty in my government are maintained. I seek leave to incorporate details in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The Integrity Commissioner provides advice to myself and others, including my Ministers and senior executives of the public service on conflict of interest issues.

Mr Crooke began practising as a barrister in 1966 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1982.

During his career, he has worked on a number of high profile matters including Senior Counsel Assisting the Queensland Fitzgerald Inquiry and Senior Counsel Assisting the New South Wales Royal Commission into Police Corruption.

Mr Crooke has been reappointed as Integrity Commissioner until 30 June 2009.

His continued advice will ensure all senior public servants and Ministers are well equipped to ensure the highest standards of accountability and probity in their professional dealings.