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QUEENSLAND HEALTH, PAYROLL SYSTEM

Mr LANGBROEK (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (11.30 am): We have had the damning indictment of two ministers over the last couple of days—the Minister for Health and Deputy Premier and the Minister for Public Works and ICT. The damning indictment has come from their own words. Today, the member for Rockhampton, the Minister for Public Works and ICT, said, 'Nothing that has come to light would indicate a breakdown in the system.' He was referring to the Queensland Health pay fiasco involving nurses and other health workers. Yesterday the Minister for Health said that he is not qualified to be the minister and he relies on the people who work for us. He expects performance from those who are employed by us and for them to certify that the IT systems are appropriate.

Let us look at this briefing note of 29 August 2008 that I tabled this morning. I am going to quote from it extensively. It states—

QH has a number of aging HR, Payroll and FI systems that urgently need modernisation. Queensland Health ... has been participating in the Shared Services Initiative managed by CorpTech since 2004. Ever since the beginning, QH has been awaiting Whole-of-Government ... unified ... (Enterprise Resource Planning) system ... for HR, Payroll and Finance integrated with a modern Rostering Solution.

In support of ... shared services initiative QH has contributed over \$80 million to CorpTech to date with ongoing fees of \$22 million being paid to CorpTech every year.

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CorpTech have so far neither been able to deliver any workable solution to the payroll nor other ageing QH systems.

It goes on to say that the Shared Services Initiative has cost \$400 million across the whole of government without delivering any viable alternatives. The recommendations and action are on the second page of this briefing note. It states—

QH separates itself from the CorpTech driven WoG Program immediately ...

QH works ... through an independent third party, for example DeLoittes, in getting the QH portion of the Program Funding from CorpTech.

This clearly shows that these ministers were advised by experts but they chose to ignore it.