




Speech by

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MOTION: QUEENSLAND HEALTH, DOCUMENTS RELATING TO IBM CONTRACT

 **Ms PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Leader of the Opposition) (9.53 am): This is a very complex matter. As we have stated—

Government members interjected.

Ms PALASZCZUK: Members should just listen. As I have stated previously in the House, the cabinet secretary controls the cabinet documents. It is not the Leader of the Opposition; the cabinet secretary controls them. What I did in the public interest—it was very clear and it is on the public record—is ensure that those particular documents that the Minister for Health was seeking, the specific legal documents, were given—

Mr Johnson: So you're not going to release it?

Ms PALASZCZUK: No—were given to the Crown Solicitor. They were given to the Crown Solicitor. He also has a department that has all the information that he needs about this issue. In a transparent, open and accountable way in relation to those legal documents, I have given them to the Crown Solicitor. This is the first time that this has happened. I did that in the public interest. Therefore, I have complied with the Minister for Health's request. Those documents have been forwarded. The Crown Solicitor has those documents. The same director-general who now works for the Minister for Health worked for the previous Minister for Health. Everybody knows this. That director-general knows all of the information. The Minister for Health should stop playing politics in relation to this issue. The Minister for Health needs to fix this problem. I have done the right thing. The Minister for Health just wants to play the blame game. I have complied with what the Minister for Health requested and that was to provide that legal advice to the Crown Solicitor. We will be opposing the motion.