



Speech by

# Hon. Campbell Newman


MEMBER FOR ASHGROVE

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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

### Newman Government

 **Hon. CKT NEWMAN** (Ashgrove—LNP) (Premier) (2.07 pm): Section 10 of the Financial Accountability Act 2009 requires that I prepare and table in the Legislative Assembly a statement of the government's broad objectives for the community. My government's No. 1 priority is getting Queensland back on track. This means restoring the economy, easing the cost of living and cutting government waste. It means planning to build better infrastructure and improving health, police, education and other front-line services. It means restoring accountability to government and getting back our AAA credit rating.

Our target to reduce unemployment in Queensland to four per cent within six years underpins all government policy. Therefore, the objectives that we have for the community are as follows: we have committed to getting Queensland back on track and we pledge to, one, grow a four-pillar economy; two, lower the cost of living for families by cutting waste; three, deliver better infrastructure and better planning; four, revitalise front-line services; and, five, restore accountability in government. Our commitment to getting Queensland back on track through these five pledges will immediately replace the previous government's statement of objectives for the community.

With regard to reporting and accountability, my government will report our progress towards achieving these objectives in the publicly released first 100-day action plan, 30-day and 100-day achievement reports, and in six-monthly public reports on the status of implementing the government's 2012 election commitments. As responsibility and accountability for achieving the objectives rests with relevant ministers and chief executive officers of their departments, each department's annual report will also record their progress towards the objectives. I table the statement of objectives.

*Tabled paper:* Department of the Premier and Cabinet document titled 'Getting Queensland back on track: Statement of objectives for the community' [[121](#)].