



Speech by


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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Draft Ministerial Code of Conduct

 **Hon. CKT NEWMAN** (Ashgrove—LNP) (Premier) (2.11 pm): My government is ordering a new ministerial code of conduct to set the highest standards of performance and behaviour for ministers and assistant ministers. I recently released joint advice from the Integrity Commissioner and The Clerk of the Parliament about the current ministers' Code of Ethical Standards on my department's website for a two-week period of public consultation. I now table a Draft Ministerial Code of Conduct that has been prepared by the Integrity Commissioner.

Tabled paper: Draft Code of Ministerial Conduct [\[632\]](#).

The draft code will be posted on my department's website today for a further two-week period of public consultation. Public comment will be used to help formulate the final code. The draft code provides that ministers and assistant ministers comply with the reporting requirements of the Register of Members' Interests and the Register of Related Persons' Interest. They will also be required to declare any other matters to me which might present a pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflict of interest. The draft code requires ministers and assistant ministers to, firstly, divest shareholdings where there is or could be a conflict of interest; secondly, resign from public directorships; thirdly, declare private directorships; and, fourthly, declare interests held by their partners.

Ministers and assistant ministers will also face random checks of their interests. The Integrity Commissioner has agreed to undertake these random checks which he will conduct once each year at a time of his choosing. Importantly, ministers and assistant ministers will need to ensure that there is a clear delineation between the activities of the executive government under their portfolio and that of their political party.

In the spirit of this new level of openness and accountability, I raise now the LNP State Convention held from 13 to 15 July 2012. More than 850 delegates and observers attended the convention, the largest turnout in the party's history. I now table the list of corporate observers who were at the convention and mixed with members of the rank and file of the party and my ministerial team.

Tabled paper: List of corporate observers at the LNP state conference [\[633\]](#).

Ms Palaszczuk: And how much they paid?

Mr NEWMAN: I hear the Leader of the Opposition interjecting. I look forward to her tabling a similar list of corporate observers at the next ALP conference. We will not see it, though. My government is committed to restoring accountability in government to give Queenslanders confidence.

Ms Palaszczuk: You don't say how much they paid.

Madam SPEAKER: Order! I warn the members on my left.