



Speech by


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### APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL AND APPROPRIATION BILL: HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

 **Mr SHUTTLEWORTH** (Ferny Grove—LNP) (10.21 pm): This evening I rise in support of the Health and Community Services Committee report into budget estimates for 2012. Thanks to the chairman of the committee, the member for Redlands, Mr Peter Dowling, and to the secretariat for their outstanding support, particularly in the lead-up to the estimates hearing. There are throughout the four portfolio areas reporting to the committee some extremely notable highlights which I will run through this evening. The Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing highlighted the Get in the Game grants. The program is a fantastic three-tiered program. I and the member for Everton, Mr Mander, are able to report that the lights at the Pine Hills Football Club on the border of both our electorates, which was a commitment made during the election campaign, fall under the spectre of the Get in the Game grants and there are around 850 participants at that local club who are looking very forward to the switching on of the lights early next year.

We also heard of days past of course where under the previous regime many examples of waste and mismanagement were typically orders of the day. The particular highlight for me in that regard was the discussion we had in relation to the Strangler Cairn on the Conondale Great Walk. I always figured that at some point in my life I would undertake the Kokoda Trail, but it seems far more challenging to perhaps take a casual four-day stroll along a particularly challenging part of our national park to see a \$750,000 rock structure. I am sure that not too many people will undertake that before it crumbles under the weight of a seedling planted underneath it. Of course we also discussed other particular examples of waste, not least of which was the rainforest canopy walks and the ongoing maintenance required.

Of course the Health portfolio was a particular highlight and consumed a considerable portion of the day. It was a very interesting undertaking mind you, most of which was focused on the Health payroll debacle. Understandably, the people of Queensland are demanding and continue to demand an outcome where at least they can be certain that any possibility of cost recovery and seeking damages from responsible parties would be pursued with great vigour. Of course, the tabling of certain documents today will hopefully assist us in that regard. I have no doubt though that on their own these will not eliminate the need of the government to carefully plan and manage a subsequent course of action to ensure better outcomes for all Queenslanders into the future. I have great faith that the minister and his department will review the documents tabled today and consider whether the recommendations made within our report, recommendation Nos 3 and 4, will provide further assistance to ensure that the people of Queensland can recover these costs where possible and be truly informed in relation to the course of events of the Health payroll debacle.

The health minister also outlined new programs and initiatives designed to improve the targeting of BreastScreen services. It is interesting to note that even this evening the member for Bundamba continued with the hype and scare campaign and propaganda that we know is all too common from those opposite in relation to breast screening services in Queensland. In fact, today the minister outlined that northside

services will receive an additional \$400,000 in funding to support women at risk of familial breast cancer. The funding will go towards hiring an additional nurse and radiographer and will enable 350 women to be screened or rescreened each year. It will become the only clinic in Queensland offering state-wide multimodal screening services for women at high risk—hardly an initiative that warrants the continued scare campaign of those opposite.

The Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, Minister Davis, outlined a number of programs her department will be delivering, with two notable initiatives that had great appeal. One was to further enhance the safety of our children—

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