



Speech By  
**Hon. Anastacia Palaszcuk**


**MEMBER FOR INALA**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Palaszcuk Labor Government, Achievements**

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.34 am): My government is serious about delivering a better way for all Queenslanders. We gave that firm commitment during January's election campaign and we stand by that commitment after the ordeal that was the three years of the former LNP government. As we approach the anniversary of the first 100 days of our Labor government, today I want to highlight our significant raft of achievements—achievements that can be celebrated by all Queenslanders from Coolangatta to Cooktown, Redcliffe to Roma, Toowoomba to Townsville and all places in between.

I table the document, *The first three months*, and I want to highlight some of our achievements over the past three months.

*Tabled paper:* Report, dated May 2015, titled 'The Palaszcuk government: the first three months, a better way for Queensland' [\[418\]](#).

Our government has done the right thing and wound back the LNP's laws around political donations which lifted the reporting threshold to \$12,400. Under my government, any donation of over \$1,000 will be declared for all Queenslanders to see. I am committed to openness, I am committed to transparency and I am committed to keeping all Queenslanders abreast of what is happening in our government.

We are working through a merit based selection process for our most senior public servants, our directors-general. We have abolished the LNP's scheme to pay directors-general bonuses on top of their salaries.

We have allocated an additional \$30 million to ear, nose and throat surgeries. We have allocated another additional \$3 million to address waiting lists. We have committed to an additional 875 teachers over the term of government and we have delivered an additional \$250,000 to our schools of distance education and new police officers and corrective services officers to the front line.

We have committed more funding to fight domestic violence, with an extra \$1.5 million to DVConnect and \$1.8 million to the Cancer Council Queensland to operate its palliative care helpline. This is a government that is committed to the front line despite the fact that the Commonwealth government is committed to slashing the front line, particularly in health and education. We are determined to protect our precious environment and we have not only installed the first ever Minister for the Great Barrier Reef but also established the first ever Office of the Great Barrier Reef. We are reviewing Queensland's biosecurity capacity.

We are passionate about building jobs and building the Queensland economy. We have reintroduced the Skilling Queenslanders for Work program, which the LNP cut shamelessly. This program will create jobs. This \$240 million initiative will support up to 32,000 Queenslanders to train

for jobs and find jobs. We are also a government that will crack down on crime. We have launched an inquiry into organised crime and a commission of inquiry into the greyhound industry following shocking allegations of live baiting.

I encourage all Queenslanders to take the time to read this document, *The first three months*, to get a firsthand look at how much my government has achieved since February. I commit to keeping all Queenslanders updated on how their government is working over the next three years.