




Speech By
Hon. Curtis Pitt

MEMBER FOR MULGRAVE

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Royalties for the Regions, Auditor-General's Report No. 4 2015-16

 **Hon. CW PITT** (Mulgrave—ALP) (Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (9.48 am): This morning I have written to the Chair of the Crime and Corruption Commission, Mr Alan MacSporran QC, regarding a serious matter that has been brought to the government's attention through the release of the Auditor-General's report No. 4 2015-16 titled *Royalties for the regions*. The report outlines a series of findings that raise concerns about the conduct of the member for Callide, Jeff Seeney, whilst a minister of the Crown. In particular, there are allegations that Mr Seeney sought to preference the funding of projects in his own electorate, including the upgrade of airports in his electorate. These airports are all within two hours drive of each other and I am advised that no other council received funding for more than one aerodrome under the funding program referenced in the *Royalties for the regions* report.

Mr Cripps interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Hinchinbrook, you are warned under standing order 253A.

Mr PITT: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I am concerned that this funding was provided by Mr Seeney to his electorate for personal electoral gain. Pursuant to section 36(5) of the Crime and Corruption Act 2001, I have referred the entire Auditor-General's report No. 4 2015-16 to the Crime and Corruption Commission. It would appear to disclose evidence of corruption and I have asked the CCC to consider the matter and advise on appropriate action.