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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**OneSchool, Information Technology**

 **Mr LANGBROEK** (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (10.48 am): It has been extremely disappointing to see the Minister for Education in this state orchestrate a political blame game over the serious matter of the safety of our children. Despite the minister's own claims that she did not want to play politics, all we have seen since revelations that there has been an IT system failure in the education department has been just that—Labor playing politics. In the last week alone we saw two media releases and numerous press conferences containing nothing but misinformation and political spin. The purpose of these actions has not been about keeping Queenslanders informed or reassuring them that our kids are safe. The sole purpose was to distract from the Labor government's ineptitude and inaction.

Rather than participate in a continuation of the blame game, here are the facts from the Deloitte report. One of the more startling revelations in the report is that when the minister found out about the issue she held a press conference blaming me for the issue before informing principals of the affected schools. In fact, school principals were not contacted or provided with any information until four hours after the minister held her press conference. They would have watched it on the news before they heard from their own employer. Surely the minister's first concern should be ensuring that people were alerted about the issues involved and that school principals were aware of what happened before holding a media conference. That is on page 29 of the Deloitte report.

The minister tried to argue that more funding was needed for the program from the Carmody inquiry. However, there is no mention of this in the report. In fact, the inappropriate funding levels for the OneSchool mandatory reporting program were identified before March 2012. That is before I was the minister. Page 16 of the report refers to the business case for the OneSchool student protection reporting being developed and endorsed in 2010 under the previous Labor government. The facts are that it was only in 2013 that funding was provided to allow schools to move from a paper based reporting system to online reporting. If the minister had bothered to ask her own department questions, she would have discovered that OneSchool received approximately \$11 million in funding last financial year. Indeed, as the Deloitte report points out, it was a lack of funding under this current Labor government that prevented further amendments to the OneSchool reporting system. Page 36 of the report outlines that potential changes discussed at a meeting in March 2015 were not implemented at the time due to a lack of funding.

On 18 March under this minister's watch a number of DET senior officials held a meeting to discuss known cases of student protection reports potentially not being received by Queensland police. There were six events identified where reports that were made by school staff had failed to reach Queensland police. Yet in estimates in July the minister claimed that she received a briefing on 20 April that the system was working perfectly. The minister has been caught out trying to use this report as some sort of petty political point-scoring exercise. Mums and dads do not want politics. They want honesty, integrity and a plan to fix the mistakes.