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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

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 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (2.51 pm): Yesterday in the House I spoke about the long-awaited and much overdue Deloitte Australia report into the education department's child protection IT failure. I explained how the report asked more questions than it answered. The key question—the minister's oversight of her department—was not addressed.

Why was Deloitte not asked to investigate why it took so long for the minister to detect that these reports were not getting through to the appropriate authorities? The minister has still not yet explained why her department knew as early as 15 February this year that some of these reports were not getting through to police. It took until 31 July for her to make a statement about the bungle. The report details six different occasions from February this year when the IT failure was discovered by officers of her department, yet nothing was done about it.

While this is a very serious failure that potentially puts vulnerable children at ongoing risk of harm, an even more alarming outcome of this report has been highlighted to me. In the document the *Queensland Department of Education and Training OneSchool—Technology review* by Deloitte Australia appendix G is titled 'Detailed code review'. Appendix G states—

This table below explains the detailed review of the software code ... additional comments and an indication of the ability of this code to implement the requirement.

I am reliably told that the information in this table, combined with information through the rest of this report, could enable a person with malicious intent to cause harm. I am informed that the three documents which comprise the Deloitte report contained an unnecessary level of detail relating to the most vulnerable members of our community.

This is a major oversight. At best it comes from naivety or, more concerningly, it comes from a complete lack of understanding. No commercial entity would publish this level of detail. I am told that the department already receives large numbers of malicious IT attacks. Now it seems that the minister has given these computer hackers and anybody else in the world who would like to break into this system the OneSchool specifications and the detailed coding.

Furthermore, I am told that the provision of this level of detail could breach IS 18—information standard 18—the Queensland government's Chief Information Office's own policy for managing the collection and storage of data. The minister needs to take urgent advice about this potential compromise of the department of education's IT security following her release of the Deloitte report. In her zeal to score political points on an issue as sensitive as child protection, has she compromised the integrity of the OneSchool system and potentially put the safety of children at risk?