




Speech By
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MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Kingston, Drownings

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (2.02 pm): Yesterday there was more tragic news for Queensland. Two young sisters, Patricia and Taya, three and four years of age, drowned in a pool at Kingston, south of Brisbane. I did not know these girls. I did not know their favourite colours. I did not know their favourite games or their favourite storybooks. I do know they should have been looking forward to Christmas with their family and friends.

I have asked the Minister for Health, as the local member, to ensure any assistance that we can provide the family and the community is provided. I also want to place on record our thanks to the ambulance, police and emergency service workers who were in attendance. I am advised by the minister that counselling for those officers will be made available.

This is a tragic reminder of the importance of the pool safety requirements imposed on swimming pools in Queensland. The standard was introduced last year to increase pool safety and simplify our pool safety laws. I urge all pool owners, especially as we go into the summer break, to double-check their pool's compliance with the pool standard.