




Speech By
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 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games) (9.57 am): I was proud to be part of a government that won the Commonwealth Games for the Gold Coast and I am determined now as Minister for the Commonwealth Games in the Palaszczuk government to ensure it delivers for Queensland and the Gold Coast. As I said in my public statement on 14 January regarding the games opening and closing ceremonies contract, I was unhappy with the way that aspects of that tender process were handled by Goldoc and I have made my views clear that communication with the bidders was not good enough. This government takes communication and consultation very seriously. The government's priorities are to deliver a successful Commonwealth Games, working collaboratively with partners and stakeholders.

To that end, I wrote to the chair of Goldoc, Mr Nigel Chamier, to provide a statement of expectations identifying key areas of accountability for the organisation over the year ahead, including governance and compliance, games planning and stakeholder engagement. In addition, I believe it is important for Goldoc to be able to demonstrate to the government and the people of Queensland that the organisation meets the highest standards of ethical behaviour and integrity, so I have also requested that Goldoc senior officers seek advice from the Queensland Integrity Commissioner to ensure that no conflict of interest issues exist within the organisation. On 15 February 2015 I received a response to my statement of expectations from Mr Chamier in the form of a statement of intent outlining Goldoc's priorities over the coming 12 months including delivery, performance milestones and continuous improvement processes for the organisation. In the interests of transparency and disclosure, I table both documents for the House.

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 5 February 2016, from the Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games, Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe, to the Chair, Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation, Mr Nigel Chamier, regarding statement of expectations [244].

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 15 February 2016, from the Chair, Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation, Mr Nigel Chamier, to the Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games, Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe, in response [245].

I welcome this statement of intent and I am satisfied that Goldoc is now on the way to meeting my expectations and will work with government to deliver a great games.

Goldoc is critical to the success of the games, which is why I took this step of issuing a ministerial directive to ensure the highest standards of delivery and integrity. The Commonwealth Games Federation Coordination Commission report on the progress of the games was handed down in December and it delivered a strong endorsement of our progress and preparations and acknowledged Goldoc's key role in that. It is important that we build on that and I look forward to continuing to work together with Goldoc and other key agencies and stakeholders to deliver the best games ever.

My statement of expectations builds on the efforts of the Palaszczuk government and that of my predecessor, Minister Jones, to strengthen games governance and oversight. Just as the people of Queensland rightly expect the highest standards of probity from the government, we should expect the highest standards from Goldoc. Make no mistake, the government takes integrity and accountability very seriously and its approach to the Commonwealth Games is no different.