




Speech By
Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe

MEMBER FOR SANDGATE

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LEGISLATION (DECLARATION) AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction

 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (12.28 pm): I present a bill for an act to amend the Mental Health Act 2016, the Racing Act 2002 and the Racing Integrity Act 2016 for particular purposes. I table the bill and the explanatory notes.

Tabled paper: Legislation (Declaration) Amendment Bill 2016 [\[869\]](#).

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I rise to introduce the Legislation (Declaration) Amendment Bill 2016. The bill is technical in nature and is being introduced to put beyond doubt the validity of the Mental Health Act 2016 and the Racing Integrity Act 2016, which were both passed by the parliament earlier this year. As members would be aware, this morning in a statement the Clerk of the Parliament advised the House of the reason for this bill. As a result of unfortunate administrative errors, both bills as presented respectively to His Excellency the Governor and Her Excellency the Acting Governor for assent contained minor discrepancies. That meant that the bills assented to were different to the bills as passed by the parliament.

The Clerk has also written to me and advised that it is his opinion that proceeding with the Legislation (Declaration) Amendment Bill 2016, to validate the Mental Health Act 2016 and the Racing Integrity Act 2016, and correct the errors in the bills assented to, is the appropriate action for this parliament to take. I table that letter for the information of members.

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 8 June 2016, from the Clerk of the Parliament, Mr Neil Laurie, to the Leader of the House and Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games, Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe, regarding an error in the Racing Integrity Bill and the Mental Health Bill presented for assent [\[871\]](#).

These errors occurred in the context of the Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel implementing a new legislative drafting and publishing information system. The discovery of these administrative errors in bills passed by this parliament and prepared for assent is a source of great concern for the Parliamentary Counsel and for her staff. The Parliamentary Counsel, Annette O'Callaghan, has asked me to convey to the parliament her sincerest apology for these errors and for the impost on the parliament's time necessary to consider this bill to address them.

Given the bill's purpose of putting beyond any doubt the validity of the existing legislation, I will be seeking for the bill to be declared urgent and for it to immediately proceed through all stages today. I commend the bill to the House.

First Reading

Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (12.30 pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

Declared Urgent

Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (12.30 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—

That, under the provisions of standing order 137, the Legislation (Declaration) Amendment Bill be declared an urgent bill and be considered immediately.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

Second Reading



Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (12.31 pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a second time.