



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Privacy Awareness Week**

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills) (10.10 am): I would like to bring to the attention of the House that this week we recognise Privacy Awareness Week. Privacy Awareness Week was first held in 2006 and has been held every year since then. It works to promote a culture that protects and respects the privacy of individuals' personal information.

Privacy Awareness Week is an initiative of the Asia Pacific Privacy Authorities, which was formed in 1992. It is the principal forum for privacy and data protection authorities in the Asia-Pacific region to form partnerships and exchange ideas about privacy regulation, new technologies and the management of privacy inquiries and complaints.

In an ever-changing world and with a growing risk of identity fraud and misuse of personal information, it is important for Queenslanders to know their rights and help keep their personal information protected. Of course, public servants have a particular responsibility to protect and manage the personal information they handle in their official duties. The Information Privacy Act 2009, which applies to Queensland government agencies, sets out how public servants should collect, manage, store, use, disclose and transfer personal information.

Queenslanders concerned about these issues can visit the website of the Office of the Information Commissioner for more information and advice on how to protect their personal information.