




Speech By
Hon. Cameron Dick

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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (9.33 pm): I rise to make a ministerial statement in relation to a question asked of the Premier by the member for Surfers Paradise earlier today in question time in relation to the Mental Health Review Tribunal. Earlier this week the parliament passed legislative amendments to the Mental Health Act to validate the appointment of a legal member of the tribunal who was not fully qualified to serve in that role. I can advise the House that the Department of Health has confirmed that an extensive search has found that all current and former legal members of the Mental Health Review Tribunal, other than the member I have referred to, were legally qualified to perform those roles. The checks on appointments focused firstly on the member in question and then on current members and members proposed for appointment to ensure the operation of the tribunal was not compromised. This was followed by searches in relation to historical legal members, including searches of records held by the Department of Justice, including the Supreme Court of Queensland.

In addition, earlier today the member for Mudgeeraba also asked a question of the Premier regarding BreastScreen Queensland's online booking system. I can advise the House that BreastScreen's online booking system commenced operation on 5 December 2016 and is working well, giving more Queensland women access to breast screen services. I am advised there has been a greater than expected response from Queensland women to this initiative with more than 9,000 women making their booking online since it commenced. I am advised by the Department of Health that the implementation date for the online booking system was initially planned for 30 June 2016, however, issues arose during the testing phase which needed to be resolved. I am further advised that the Department of Health is currently preparing an update to its entry on the whole-of-government ICT dashboard regarding the online booking system.

Ms Bates interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Mudgeeraba, those comments are unnecessary. We are trying to listen to the minister.

Mr DICK: The ICT project update relating to the online breast screen project is from June 2016 and is based on initial expenditure based on a market sounding process in 2014. Until the procurement process was finalised earlier in 2016, a definitive cost was not available. I am advised that the initial estimate was \$3.1 million, which was then revised to \$4 million. The revised cost was confirmed following the tender process and the total price, including the tender, recurrent costs and GST to 30 June is \$4 million.