




Speech By
Hon. Mark Bailey

MEMBER FOR YEERONGPILLY

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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply, Email Account

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply) (10.27 am): I wish to update the House with information in relation to an RTI recently released from my office and in relation to my private email account. The right to information officer within my department redacted one sentence from an email chain between me and my staff dated 12 October 2016. This followed advice from my office that it related to a cabinet process.

I was informed late yesterday that in fact the information contained in that email was publicly available at that time, being referred to in the draft report released by the Renewable Energy Expert Panel on 12 October 2016 and therefore part of a public document. The final report prepared by the Renewable Energy Expert Panel was provided to government on 30 November 2016 and is currently under government consideration.

I sought advice from my department on how to correct this matter. My department informed me late yesterday that, while the RTI matter was closed, it is open to me to release the information to the applicant which I will now do to clarify the record. I therefore table the unredacted email of 12 October 2016 for the benefit of members. I also table the publicly available draft report.

Tabled paper: Email, dated 12 October 2016, from Ms Tam van Alphen to the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply, Hon. Mark Bailey, regarding GetUp! [\[330\]](#).

Tabled paper: Queensland Renewable Energy Expert Panel: Credible pathways to a 50% renewable energy target for Queensland—Draft Report, October 2016' [\[331\]](#).

I would also like to advise the House today that I propose to reactivate my private email account. I have written to the Integrity Commissioner seeking his guidance on how best to do this to ensure process integrity. I table that letter.

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 2 March 2017, from the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports, Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply, Hon. Mark Bailey, to the Queensland Integrity Commissioner, Mr Richard Bingham, seeking guidance on a matter of integrity related to his private email address [\[332\]](#).

I will also make arrangements for the Director-General of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet to have full access to the account as part of his investigation at the appropriate time following receipt of that advice. As I have already outlined in this House, I will be fully cooperating with the investigation and I thank the House.