




Speech By
Hon. Mark Bailey

MEMBER FOR YEERONGPILLY

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MINISTERIAL 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) (7.40 pm): I rise to respond to matters raised in question time today regarding my private email account. I am advised by my chief of staff that the RTI applications by the *Australian* were lodged with the RTI section of my department on 19 January 2017. They were emailed to my office on 24 January 2017.

I am further advised that to ensure clarity over the scope of the inquiry, as it was relating to a private email account, my chief of staff sought advice from the department. Written advice was finalised and received by my chief of staff on 3 February 2017. My chief of staff forwarded that advice to me on that day to arrange a discussion about this matter. However, due to other pressing matters I did not open the email until the following week. My chief of staff raised the matter with me on Monday morning, 6 February 2017, which was the first time I became aware of the applications. It was during this discussion that I told my chief of staff I had deleted the email account. To the best of my recollection I deleted the account on Sunday, 5 February.

As previously stated, because I could not control who emailed me on my longstanding email account of 20 years, I deleted it to ensure there was no possibility of work related emails not going to my work email address. I reiterate my full cooperation with the investigation into this matter.