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**HEALTH, COMMUNITIES, DISABILITY SERVICES AND DOMESTIC AND  
FAMILY VIOELNCE PREVENTION COMMITTEE**

**Report**

 **Mr HARPER** (Thuringowa—ALP) (10.10 am): I lay upon the table of the House report No. 16 of the Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee titled *Subordinate legislation tabled between 22 August and 4 September 2018*. This report examines two important pieces of subordinate legislation that will improve health services for the people of Queensland.

The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment (Postponement) Regulation 2018 delays a number of uncommenced provisions of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2017. They include provisions for the registration of paramedics—something that I am very proud to see in this state—and for the recognition of nursing and midwifery as separate health professions. It was necessary to delay these provisions because the COAG Health Council had not made the necessary national law regulation.

However, the COAG Health Council has now made the regulation and the participation day for the state's very patient and hardworking paramedics to register with the new Paramedicine Board of Australia 1 December 2018 as planned. This will be an important day for recognition in this state of the professionalism of our paramedics, who provide critical and life-saving care to patients in emergencies.

The other regulation we examined in our report was the Public Health (Medicinal Cannabis) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2018. This regulation expands patient access to medicinal cannabis. The committee found no issues with these regulations and I commend our report to the House.

*Tabled paper:* Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee: Report No. 16, 56th Parliament—Subordinate legislation tabled between 22 August and 4 September 2018 [1884](#).