




Speech By
Hon. Curtis Pitt

MEMBER FOR MULGRAVE

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REPORT

Ombudsman

 **Mr SPEAKER:** Honourable members, I have to report that I have received from the Ombudsman a report titled *The Indigenous birth registration report: an investigation into the under-registration of Indigenous births in Queensland*. Birth registration establishes a person's legal identity. It is the first step to getting a birth certificate, a key identity document that allows a person to fully participate in our society. Without it, enrolling in school, joining a Rugby League or netball club or getting a driver's licence becomes that much more complicated, even limiting people's job opportunities. This is an issue that affects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across Queensland, including in the community of Yarrabah, the largest mainland Aboriginal community in Australia which I represent. This report includes a number of recommendations for consideration. I am pleased to table it for the consideration of the government and the parliament.

Tabled paper: Queensland Ombudsman—The Indigenous birth registration report: An investigation into the under-registration of Indigenous births in Queensland, June 2018 [[893](#)].