



Speech By  
**Hon. Grace Grace**


**MEMBER FOR MCCONNEL**

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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Further Answer to Question, CFMEU**

 **Ms GRACE** (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations) (11.16 am): I wish to make a ministerial statement. In question time, the member for Lockyer raised matters that I believe have misled the House in relation to the suing of a small business. I understand the rights and responsibilities of—

**Mr NICHOLLS:** I rise to a point of order. It is a small matter, but surely the minister needs to seek leave to make a ministerial statement at this stage of proceedings?

**Mr SPEAKER:** No. Question time is over and we are in government business, member for Clayfield.

**Ms GRACE:** You have been here long enough to know that.

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order, members!

**Dr Robinson** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Member for Oodgeroo, I called the House to order. You are warned under the standing orders.

**Ms GRACE:** The rights and responsibilities of permit holders and those in control of workplaces are clearly outlined in the act. I understand the matters raised by the member for Lockyer are subject to proceedings before the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission. They are not matters that are being pursued by the government and no-one is being sued. Those proceedings relate to a right of entry and failure to comply with a direction from the regulator, Workplace Health and Safety Queensland. Those matters are now before the commission, which is the appropriate area.

The imputation in the question from the member for Lockyer was clearly misleading. It is not accurate. These matters are before the commission and are to do with not abiding by the regulator. The independent regulator of my department has taken this matter to the QIRC. It is before the QIRC. I will not make any comment, but I will write to you, Mr Speaker, in relation to that question being deliberately misleading.