



Speech By  
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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

### Ice, Alcohol and Drug Information Service

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (10.03 am): Ice has a devastating impact on Queenslanders, their families and the community. Its effects can trap users in a downward spiral and negatively affect every aspect of their lives, including their physical and mental health. Escaping the grip of a drug like ice takes significant resources and a great deal of time, but it is possible.

Earlier this year I launched the Palaszczuk government's \$105 million Action on Ice plan to help Queenslanders do just that. The plan aims to reduce demand and supply and put in place key initiatives to prevent and treat addiction. During consultation, Queenslanders made it clear there was a need for a central point of truth for information and support. That is why we made a commitment to develop the new Alcohol and Drug Information Service website to complement the existing 24/7 confidential phone service.

I am pleased to announce this new site is now live. The website has been designed as a one-stop shop for all Queenslanders—users, their families and friends, health professionals and the public. It provides a suite of information and resources. There is a self-assessment quiz so people can gauge if their alcohol intake or drug use is becoming risky. There is information on different treatment options. Importantly, there is a search tool to help locate nearby services.

We understand it can be hard to know what to do if someone we love is using drugs. That is why the website also provides specific information for families and friends. This information includes how to identify if their loved one is using, how to better understand their pattern of use and how to learn skills to best support them to get clean.

The Alcohol and Drug Information Service is already helping thousands of people each month and this website will greatly increase their reach of support. It is yet another example of our government's unwavering commitment and drive to reduce the impact of ice on our communities.