




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Report, Motion to Take Note

 **Mr HART** (Burleigh—LNP) (3.03 pm), continuing: In my speech during the last sitting I was talking about minimum financial requirements. It is interesting that Brisbane company Privium has been in the news over the past couple of days. Apparently they are the 11th biggest builder in Queensland. Last year they failed to file a financial report and since August three of their directors have left their roles. I table that for the information of the House.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Urban Developer*, dated 18 November 2021, titled 'Surging Costs Blamed as Privium Nears Collapse' [1972](#).

I thought I would go to the QBCC website to look at that company's licence. I table the search results.

Tabled paper: Queensland Building and Construction Commission licence search for Privium Pty Ltd, dated 18 November 2021 [1974](#).

It is interesting to note that they have no actions against them whatsoever. They are in the category of up to \$240 million, yet apparently they are in liquidation. You just have to wonder how these minimum financial requirements are actually working or whether in fact there is anybody left in the QBCC who is watching any of this, because this sort of thing is happening.

I also raised issues about being able to contact the minister. It appears that unless you are a friend or family member of the minister or you want to talk about a sporting issue, you cannot get a meeting with this minister to talk about issues relating to the QBCC. I table a letter from Damian McDonald—this would have been more appropriate to table last sitting—because he also wrote to the minister and asked for a meeting and received exactly the same email as I tabled on the last occasion I spoke.

Tabled paper: Email, dated 28 October 2021, from Mr Damian McDonald to the member for Burleigh, Mr Michael Hart MP, regarding an email from the Queensland Building and Construction Commission [1973](#).

The minister raves on about the building industry fairness bill passed through the parliament a couple of years ago. He has said over and over again that every subbie will be paid every time, on time. It appears as though that is not going to happen in the case of Privium, so you have to wonder how it is that the minister can tell us one thing when it is not happening in the real world. This minister has completely failed the people of Queensland, completely failed the QBCC and completely failed the building industry. Quite frankly, it is time this minister went. If the minister does not go, the Premier should fire him. In fact, there are a number of ministers who have not been doing their job and they all deserve to go. The people of Queensland deserve better than this government. Hopefully they will get it very shortly.