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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Coronavirus, Update**

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (9.51 am): The delta strain of COVID-19 continues to pose a real threat to the Queensland community, underlining the importance of our efforts to maintain strong borders and vaccinate all those eligible to receive the vaccine. Today I can inform the House, as the Premier has said, that Queensland has two new cases of COVID-19: one overseas acquired case and detected in hotel quarantine; and the second a 46-year-old male truck driver from Windaroo who tested positive in Pimpama and has been deemed infectious from 27 August. He was in the Queensland community between 28 August and 1 September. The man is currently in New South Wales. Queensland Health is seeking to locate this man, as the Premier said, to investigate his exposure sites and where he has been so we can commence contact tracing. We will of course put up any exposure sites once we make contact with this gentleman. We ask people, especially in the Gold Coast area, to be checking the website regularly.

This brings the total number of cases in Queensland to 1,982, including 19 active cases. There is also a further case still under investigation: a male truck driver from New South Wales, notified yesterday, who tested positive after being infectious in Queensland for one day. Known Queensland exposure sites linked with this man are in Archerfield, Goodna and Goondiwindi. I just want to clarify that this gentleman is from New South Wales and got tested in New South Wales, so this is classed as a New South Wales case and not a Queensland case. The reason we are notifying about this is that he was in Queensland for one day while infectious. We do ask people, particularly around those Archerfield, Goodna and Goondiwindi sites, to look at the website.

I can also inform the House that authorities are seeking information from a family of five on the Gold Coast who have been placed in hotel quarantine. Early indications are that this family recently travelled to Melbourne before returning undetected to the Gold Coast via an inland route. Unfortunately, this family is refusing to be tested and so far is not cooperating with authorities and refusing to reveal where they have been. However, we do know that the children in this family did attend school on 31 August at the Australian International Islamic College at Carrara. In light of these developments in Logan and on the Gold Coast, we encourage anyone in these LGAs to get tested and isolate until they receive their results.

I understand the school has asked for students to stay home today while we try to identify exposure sites. This is a difficult situation. The family of five are in hotel quarantine. They are now isolating but, because we know that some of the family members are unwell but we do not know if it is COVID, we have to treat it as if it is. The school is working with us on that. We really do hope the family cooperate with us because it is in the best interests of everyone, including their own health. We want to make sure that if they have COVID we are able to treat them with the important health care that they need.