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 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (9.54 am): I am pleased to inform the House that our vaccination rollout continues to gather pace. Yesterday Queensland Health administered 21,086 vaccines, taking the total number of COVID vaccines administered in Queensland to 3,491,117. I know that number will have increased already as people would have come out this morning to be vaccinated. As we continue to expand our vaccination network—I am very excited about the Cairns Convention Centre—we will ensure more and more Queenslanders get access to the vaccine to keep them and their families safe.

I reiterate: if anyone has any symptoms, no matter how mild, please come forward and get tested. This is a crucial way of knowing whether we have COVID in our community and we can act swiftly. It is not in your interests to not come forward. If you have the sniffles, a sore throat and a cough, do not think that it is a good idea to just stay home and pretend that it could not possibly be COVID. You are risking your own health and you are risking the health of your loved ones and your community. Please come forward and get tested.

Keep social distancing, continue good hygiene practices and go get vaccinated. This is so crucial. Thank you again to all of those people who are coming out and getting vaccinated and tested and also to all of our amazing health workers across Queensland and our care army who have been helping at our vaccination centres.