




Speech By
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MOTION

Office of the Integrity Commissioner

 **Mr HART** (Burleigh—LNP) (5.30 pm): Hypocrisy is in the DNA of the ALP, is it not? Five minutes is really not going to be enough.

Mr SPEAKER: That is all you are going to get, member.

Mr HART: Keith Wright, Bill D'Arcy, Gordon Nuttall—all of them crooks, if those opposite want to see some crooks. The Attorney-General comes in today and negates the whole motion. Years ago that was not possible. The Labor Party changed the rules of the parliament to allow for this to be negated. Our motion tonight is about the Integrity Commissioner and the interference of the PSC. There has been a computer taken and wiped. What was on this computer? Maybe it is this draft report of the former state archivist. I table that for the benefit of the House.

Tabled paper: Queensland Government: Report, dated 5 September 2017, titled 'State Archivist report to Hon. Leeanne Enoch, MP, Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy, and Minister for Small Business: Statutory investigation into allegations of unauthorised disposal of public records by Honourable Mark Bailey MP, Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Bio Fuels and Water Supply' [185](#).

Earlier today the Minister for Transport said, 'There is nothing to see here. It has all been investigated,' but when one goes to page 2 of this document there are 1,199 private emails that were investigated by the CCC and the state archivist; 660 of those were public records, 355 of them were required to be kept for seven years. This document says Minister Bailey had no authorisation to dispose of these 660 public records and their disposal, if actioned, would be deemed to be occurring without appropriate authorisation which could be a breach of section 13 of the Public Records Act. The CCC then assisted the minister to undelete his email. They 'unbroke' the law on his behalf. Otherwise this minister would be in jail with his other crook mates. The minister supposedly gave all his emails to the CCC. The state archivist's report shows that not all of those emails went to the CCC. The former state archivist, in fact, asked the minister for copies of his emails.

Mr BAILEY: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take personal offence to those inaccurate remarks and ask that they be withdrawn.

Mr SPEAKER: The member has taken personal offence. Will you withdraw?

Mr HART: I withdraw. The former state archivist asked the minister for those emails. He was able to provide them because they were not in his private email account anymore, they were hidden somewhere else. The former state archivist, in his report, says that the minister was not forthcoming with everything to the CCC. That would intimate that the CCC probably did not have all the information they needed to make their determination, but the state archivist did and what happened to him? He was sent packing. He was ordered back to New Zealand.

This document makes for really interesting reading. People should have a look at the time line. It says Minister Bailey deleted his account 16 days after being told by the Premier not to use his private email accounts, and 11 days after his office was told, there was a RTI out to try to obtain that.

The Labor Party likes to instigate inquiries that they can control. When they cannot control it what is the next best thing? A scapegoat. Rob Setter appears to me to be the scapegoat. The other night Rachel Hunter sent out an email to a select group of public servants who could help her to protect Rob Setter. They have been friends for over 30 years apparently. Rob Setter has a two-year extension to his contract. He is on \$600,000 a year. If the Labor Party scapegoat him he is in for a \$1.2 million golden handshake to walk away. What better could you ask for? I would love \$1.2 million to walk away from this place.