




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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (7.13 pm): The *Hamlet* quote ‘something is rotten in the state of Denmark’, suggesting something bad happening in that country, has morphed into a quote used to describe corruption or a situation in which something is very wrong, often relating to government. In our case here in Queensland, a better description is a government in chaos—a government lurching from crisis to crisis. Let me give members an example. The new northern Gold Coast hospital and health precinct at Coomera is fast becoming another crisis for this government. Why would I say that?

In December last year I was provided with a briefing on the precinct. I was also told that a further briefing, in March this year, was available to me. On 9 February my office sent an email request to a policy adviser requesting that briefing—no response. In mid March my office sent a further email to the policy adviser requesting the same thing about the hospital—no response. On that same day, my office rang the policy adviser requesting the briefing. The policy adviser confirmed that she had received the request email, advised that she was finishing her role that Friday and confirmed that she would pass it on to her supervisor. On 20 March the assistant policy adviser who took over confirmed that she had received it and had also flagged it with the supervisor. On 22 March my office left a voice message for the assistant policy adviser—no response. On 24 March I rang and left a message asking for the minister’s chief of staff to return my call. At 1.30 the same day, my office rang asking for the same thing. At 2.30 the same day, I received an email from the assistant policy adviser advising that the briefing would not be happening during the week of 28 March. She said—

Our office will be in touch to arrange a briefing ... week of the 18th of April ...

You guessed it—no contact, no meeting. At 11 am on the day before yesterday my office rang again, looking for a briefing. At 11.05, the same thing. At 11.40 the same day we rang the assistant policy adviser and, again, we heard nothing back. At 2.24 yesterday my office rang again, and again at 2.36, at three o’clock and at 3.30. Finally, at 3.40 we did receive a call back from the assistant policy adviser, but there is still no response as to the time. As at today, 19 April, we still have no briefing on the hospital.

This government is in a state of absolute crisis and chaos. As I understand it, the deputy director-general has left after a few months in the role and it is basically rudderless. There is nothing happening as far as the site is concerned. There is a fence around it. Nothing has been happening for the past 2½ years. Once again, the northern Gold Coast community is going to be left wanting.