



Speech By Hon. Steven Miles

MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA

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Hon. SJ MILES (Murrumba—ALP) (Premier) (10.08 am): I said from day one that I would work hard every day to earn the trust of Queenslanders. Governing with integrity plays a big and important role in building that trust. It is why my first external meeting as Premier was with Professor Peter Coaldrake to discuss how we can keep Queensland's hardworking Public Service strong and implement reforms to the integrity framework that supports all we do.

I am determined to make the Queensland government the most transparent in Australia. One of those key recommendations is that cabinet documents be proactively released. We have committed to doing that. My department has consulted with experts, here and in New Zealand where a similar policy has been implemented, to make sure we get this policy right. Today I can announce the first document set for release will be the last cabinet meeting in March. Those documents will be available in April. This will make Queensland the most transparent government in Australia, and one of the most transparent in the world.

I have said my government will be open and transparent with Queenslanders. That is why we will release assistant minister diaries as happens with the diaries of all ministers. Assistant ministers have an important role to play in supporting the development and implementation of our government's policies. A motion will be moved today to ensure shadow spokespersons' diaries are released also in the interest of transparency. I have also approved an amendment to require the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to release his diary extracts. I welcome the Leader of the Opposition—

Mr Bleijie interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Kawana—

Ms Grace interjected.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Member for McConnel. The House will come to order. Member for Kawana, I do not believe your interjections are assisting the House.

Mr MILES: I welcome the Leader of the Opposition's support for increasing transparency in relation to the shadow ministry.