



Speech By
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MOTION

White, Ms C

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (6.02 pm): Recently the Crisafulli government brought in new hospital KPIs for ramped ambulances with a limit of two hours and 30 minutes. At the time, the AMAQ warned that clinicians should not feel pressured to meet the KPIs at the expense of patient needs. Queensland now has the worst ambulance ramping on record under the Crisafulli government and in Ipswich a majority of patients arriving at Ipswich Hospital by ambulance are waiting longer than the recommended time. One of these people was Bundamba local Christine White.

Christine was a fit and active local mother of five who died after being ramped in an ambulance at Ipswich Hospital under the LNP's new ambulance KPIs. After being ramped for two hours and 15 minutes in an ambulance, just 15 minutes less than the LNP's KPI limit of two hours and 30 minutes, Christine was placed into a wheelchair and left in the emergency department waiting room in excruciating pain, waiting for the care she needed. She continued to wait before fighting that severe pain to go home in a taxi. Then at home alone, hurt and scared, in the middle of the night Christine tragically passed away. She was found traumatically by her daughter Brooke and son, David, around 2 am after they broke into her home for a welfare check because their frantic calls went unanswered.

There are serious questions that need to be answered about the role of the LNP's new KPIs in this tragedy. Christine's grieving family have been searching for those answers, but the Crisafulli government refuses to provide them. Their searches for these answers even brought them to this parliament yesterday. Despite the simple, clear and direct questions put to the health minister, the White family's wait for answers goes on.

Was Christine moved to the waiting room so the hospital could meet the minister's new ramping KPIs? Why didn't the minister commit yesterday to repealing the LNP's brutal new KPIs? Why will the minister not refund the \$65 right-to-information fee that a grieving family has been forced to pay in their search for answers? Why are comments from Christine White's family about her death being hidden from both the minister's and the Premier's Facebook accounts as recently as within the last 48 hours? Why has the minister not personally met with Christine White's family after her death was first raised with the minister in August? The health minister could not even get the basic facts around Christine's death right. That moved—

Mr NICHOLLS: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take personal offence at that untrue allegation and I ask that it be withdraw.

Mr SPEAKER: The member has taken personal offence and has asked that you withdraw.

Mr McCALLUM: I withdraw. Brooke, Christine's daughter, was moved to say about the health minister—

He doesn't even know how she died.

He said she died in hospital. She didn't, she actually died at home, slumped by a toilet, alone.

Mr NICHOLLS: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. Again, Mr Speaker, I find those remarks offensive and I ask that they be withdrawn. They are untrue.

Mr McCALLUM: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order in response to the member's point of order. I am directly quoting the daughter of Christine White.

Mr SPEAKER: It is still a reflection on the member. He has taken personal offence, so I ask you to withdraw.

Mr McCALLUM: I withdraw. This should never have happened. Brooke, Rosemary and the family deserve answers. They deserve the respect of the health minister to take the time to sit down and meet with them personally. They are fighting to give their mother a voice. They want to know that what happened to their mum will never happen to any other Queenslanders. They are fighting to improve a hospital system that, under the LNP, has the worst ramping in Queensland's history and we are seeing the tragic consequences of this. If the health minister will not, tonight in this chamber, as part of this motion correct the record in relation to what he said yesterday about the incorrect circumstances of Christine's death and meet with the family, then that is to his shame.

(Time expired)