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## QUEENSLAND HEALTH, PAYROLL SYSTEM

**Mrs STUCKEY** (Currumbin—LNP) (11.43 am): Let us take a closer look at the events leading up to the payroll fiasco—an avoidable catastrophe—that robbed nurses and several thousand other Queensland Health workers of their hard-earned pay. On 25 March this year the Minister for Public Works and Information and Communication Technology offered the statement—

I am extremely proud of the outcome of the combined Queensland Health, IBM and DPW project team in delivering such a good outcome in such a complicated environment.

He continued—

CorpTech is clearly a key player in the Queensland government's Toward Q2 through ICT strategy, which helps deliver improved services at reduced costs ...

Yet an RTI request from 2008 shows CorpTech managed Shared Services Initiative failed to deliver any viable alternatives to Queensland Health in the past four years, with a cost burn of \$400 million across the whole SSI.

On 30 March a celebration party was held on the roof of the Department of Public Works building in George Street. Was the minister aware this was happening? Will he show us the guest list perhaps?

The Minister for Public Works carries the responsibility for the failure of CorpTech to deliver this program. But where was he when pay problems arose? In hiding, that is where, and then in denial! Despite warnings from those who worked on this project about countless existing problems and incomplete testing, the program went live. Millions and millions of dollars were poured into the system, yet checks and balances were omitted or overlooked in the name of political expediency, resulting in terrible consequences.

Just back from a junket to Germany at taxpayers' expense, the minister boasted in his report that he had met with the CEO of SAP. He clearly wasted the opportunity. The Premier says that heads will roll if the blame can be proven. But even one as brazen and unabashed as the member for Rockhampton should be shaking in his boots, as to many it is obvious where the blame lies. This minister is a disgrace. He cannot bring himself to say sorry. He knew that staff were not being paid and he did nothing. This is a ticking time bomb that requires thorough investigation, and I will make sure that that happens.