

YOUR SAFETY IN OUR HANDS IN HOSPITAL REPORT — RELEASE

214. Ms L. METTAM to the Minister for Health:

I have a supplementary question. The minister has been sitting on this report for about five months. When will it be released?

Ms A. SANDERSON replied:

When the Department of Health releases it. It has had the feedback. The report has been through my office. We have given our feedback, and it is up to the good people in the Department of Health to publish it. It is not true that I have been “sitting” on the report. We received it, we provided feedback and then it was in the hands of the department.

Let us look at how the opposition uses information that it gets from the Department of Health. Let us look at how the opposition uses information that the department has released. As soon as the vaccine safety report was released by the department, a friend of the Leader of the Liberal Party and member of the Liberal Party Hon Nick Goiran got his hands on it and used it to undermine our incredibly successful vaccination campaign. That is how he uses information.

Ms L. Mettam interjected.

Ms A. SANDERSON: That is how he uses information.

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Ms A. SANDERSON: Undermining —

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The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Ms A. SANDERSON: I say again: that information has to be very carefully managed to protect people from egregious deep dives into data to expose their personal details. Again, Hon Nick Goiran has sought the personal medical information of women seeking late-term abortions and their doctors, to the point that he was mentioned in the annual report from the Information Commissioner. That is completely inappropriate. Information needs to protect patients.