

# Statutory declaration

## *Oaths Act 1867 (Qld)*

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I, Neil Hamilton-Smith, of c/- McCullough Robertson Lawyers, 66 Eagle Street, Brisbane, in the State of Queensland, semi-retired, do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

### **Background**

- 1 Between about March 2012 and about February 2013, I worked in the office of Mr Lawrence Springborg. During that time, Mr Springborg was the Queensland Minister for Health.
- 2 During that time, I was Mr Springborg's Principal Policy Adviser.
- 3 In February 2013, I resigned from my position as Mr Springborg's PPA, [REDACTED]
- 4 After my resignation, I was offered a part-time role within Queensland Health as a liaison officer between the Minister's Office and the Chairs of the Hospital and Health Services (**HHS**). I worked in this role between about February 2013 to about February 2014.

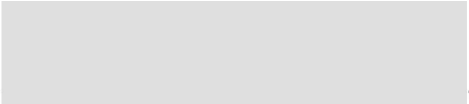
### **Meeting on 14 December 2012**

- 5 I have been told that on 14 December 2012, a meeting was held between Mr Springborg, Dr Corbett, Ms Dwyer and Ms Kelly of the West Moreton HHS. I have been told that at this meeting, the Barrett Adolescent Centre was discussed.
- 6 I do not have any independent recollection of this meeting. I believe that I would have attended this meeting, because at the time, it was my usual practice to attend meetings between the Minister and Chairs of the HHSs.
- 7 During such meetings, it was the responsibility of staffers (such as me) to take notes for the Minister. I would do this on the Ipad I had been provided, by the Ministerial Services Branch.
- 8 I gave that Ipad back to the Ministerial Services Branch when I resigned from my position with Mr Springborg in February 2013. I did not retain a copy of the data that was on the Ipad.

### **Meeting on 15 July 2013**

- 9 I have been told that on 15 July 2013, a meeting was held between Mr Springborg, Dr Corbett, and Ms Dwyer of West Moreton HHS. I have been told that at this meeting, the Barrett Adolescent Centre was discussed.
- 10 I do not have any independent recollection of this meeting. I believe that I would have attended this meeting, because at the time, I was the Departmental liaison officer between Mr Springborg and the Chairs of the HHSs, and it was my practice to attend all meetings between Chairs of HHSs and Mr Springborg.
- 11 During such meetings, it was my usual practice to take notes. I would do this on an Ipad I had been provided, by Queensland Health.
- 12 In February 2014, I returned this Ipad to Queensland Health's Information Technology department. I did not retain a copy of the data that was on the Ipad.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1867*.

  
Signature of declarant

Taken and declared before me, at Brisbane this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016.

  
Signature

Patrick Alexander O'Brien

Full name

Justice of the Peace/Commissioner for  
Declarations/Solicitor