



QUEENSLAND HEALTH PAYROLL SYSTEM
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Further Statement of Witness

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<i>Date taken</i>	15 May 2013

I, Michael Reid, state:

1. I previously provided a statement to the Commission dated 24 April 2013 which was tendered to the Commission, and appears as Exhibit 90. I also attended the Commission to provide oral evidence on 30 April 2013 and 1 May 2013.
2. During my cross-examination before the Commission on 1 May 2013, I was shown a copy of an email chain between myself and Mr Michael Kalimnios dated 24 and 25 March 2010. This email was tendered to the Commission, and appears as Exhibit 97.
3. During my cross-examination, Mr Roger Traves SC put to me that this email chain demonstrated I was "well aware of risks that things might happen with the go live which were unexpected and which might be potentially catastrophic". In response to that proposition, I answered "no". See Transcript of 1/5/13, P23-31, L40-55, and P23-32 L1-10.
4. I would like to expand upon that response.
5. Shortly prior to go live, Mr Kalimnios commented to me that he hoped the replacement payroll system didn't initially "crash" altogether upon go live. He said in jest that he may have to commit suicide if the new payroll system crashed and not one of the 80,000 staff got paid. Mr Kalimnios did not advise me of anything peculiar about the replacement payroll system technology that would lead to it "crashing" upon go live, nor did I consider he had a genuine concern that this would actually occur. Instead, I took Mr Kalimnios' comment in the context of a "crash" being a potential risk upon the introduction of any significant new technology.

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6. Immediately after the replacement payroll system went live, Mr Michael Walsh emailed me to advise go live had been successful. I understood this to mean the replacement payroll system did not "crash" upon going live.
7. On 24 March 2010, I emailed Mr Kalimnios to congratulate him on the replacement payroll system's success in going live. My further references in that email was a continuation of the tone of his previous conversation with me and an acknowledgement of the fact that the potential risk of the replacement payroll system "crashing" altogether raised by Mr Kalimnios had not presented. This was the only risk I was aware of at that time, and as noted above, I did not consider there to be any genuine concern that this would actually occur.
8. I maintain that prior to go live, neither Mr Kalimnios nor any other person advised me of the risk that the replacement payroll system would present with numerous problems/errors as it ultimately did.

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 16 May 2013 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 2 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed at Darwin this 16th day of May 2013

Witnessed:

Name Jorge Favaro Signature 16th May 2013