

Statement

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MINISTER RICHARDSON EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

I have been diagnosed with multiple tumours for which I am receiving treatment. I intended to return to work part time next week, however my recovery is not going the way I had planned.

I am grateful that the Premier has agreed to an extended period of leave from my portfolio to enable me to concentrate on my health. Minister Jill Hennessy will continue to perform acting arrangements.

I remain passionately committed to the vision shared by myself and other victim-survivors to eradicate violence in the home within a generation and to end its dangerous and costly impact on families and children.

I thank the Premier and Minister Hennessy for assisting me to complete this important work.

In light of my health challenges, I have made the decision not to recontest the seat of Northcote in 2018.

I would ask for privacy for my family and I at this time.