

~~We are a proud government proud of our commitment to jobs and to the workers of Queensland.~~

~~Through the tumult of the last two years, we have put the dignity of work as the guiding light for our policies.~~

~~We put job protection and job generation front and centre, and put in place a strategy to deliver.~~

~~We are delivering: this Budget delivers on our commitments.~~

~~On building an economic recovery and delivering a strong economy.~~

~~On generating jobs.~~

~~On building infrastructure for the future.~~

~~On sustainable growth for all of Queensland.~~

~~On funding the front-line services.~~

~~On working to provide assistance to Queensland families and a helping hand to those most in need.~~

~~And on preparing this great state for a future it can capture, not just a reprise of its history.~~

~~To endure and prosper always require change.~~

~~We are a government determined to change Queensland ... for the future ... for a better future.~~

~~I commend the Bills to the House.~~

~~Debate, on motion of Mr Langbroek, adjourned.~~

## REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

### First Reading

**Hon. AP FRASER** (Mount Coot-tha—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Employment and Economic Development) (3.00 pm): I present a bill for an act to amend the First Home Owner Grant Act 2000, the Land Tax Act 2010, the Payroll Tax Act 1971 for particular purposes. I present the explanatory notes, and I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

*Tabled paper:* Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill.

*Tabled paper:* Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill, explanatory notes.

### Second Reading

**Hon. AP FRASER** (Mount Coot-tha—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Employment and Economic Development) (3.00 pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a second time.

The Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 amends the First Home Owner Grant Act 2000, the Land Tax Act 1915 and the Payroll Tax Act 1971 to give effect to initiatives announced in the 2010-11 state budget. I seek leave to have the remainder of my speech incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The amendments are beneficial and provide an additional \$4,000 First Home Owner Grant for first home owners who purchase or build new homes in regional Queensland, a new land tax exemption for supported accommodation facilities and the extension of the payroll tax rebate for apprentices and trainees to the 2010-11 financial year.

As recently announced by the Premier, the Government is funding a \$4,000 grant for first home owners who purchase or build new homes in regional Queensland. This is in addition to the \$7,000 grant already available to first home owners. Consistent with the Queensland Government's focus on managing population growth in South East Queensland, this initiative is designed to encourage the construction of new homes outside South East Queensland and help ease the pressure of population growth in that region. This new additional grant will apply to eligible transactions to purchase or build a new home entered into on or after 1 June 2010 and before 30 June 2011.

Mr Speaker, the Bill proposes a new exemption for land used for accredited level 3 supported accommodation facilities. These facilities provide residential care to residents who are often vulnerable members of the community in need of assistance with daily living. The amendment will assist in ensuring the viability of the supported accommodation industry.

The 25 per cent payroll tax rebate on wages paid to apprentices and trainees was a 2009-10 Budget initiative designed to support the continuing employment of apprentices in difficult economic conditions. The rebate, currently due to expire on 30 June 2010, is to be extended to 30 June 2011. The rebate applies to wages paid to trainees and apprentices which are already exempt under

the Payroll Tax Act 1971 and is allowed as an offset against an employer's payroll tax liability. The extension of the rebate demonstrates the Government's commitment to skills development at a time when the economy is still recovering.

Mr Speaker, I commend the Bill to the House.

Debate, on motion of Mr Langbroek, adjourned.

### ~~ADJOURNMENT~~

~~Hon. JC SPENCE (Sunnybank ALP) (Leader of the House) (3.01 pm): I move~~

~~That the House do now adjourn.~~

~~Question put That the motion be agreed to.~~

~~Motion agreed to.~~

~~The House adjourned at 3.01 pm.~~

### ~~ATTENDANCE~~

~~Attwood, Bates, Bleijie, Bligh, Boyle, Choi, Crandon, Cripps, Croft, Cunningham, Darling, Davis, Dempsey, Dick, Dickson, Douglas, Dowling, Elmes, Emerson, Farmer, Finn, Flegg, Foley, Fraser, Gibson, Grace, Hinchliffe, Hobbs, Hoolihan, Hopper, Horan, Jarratt, Johnson, Johnstone, Keech, Kiernan, Kilburn, Knuth, Langbroek, Lawlor, Lucas, McArdle, McLindon, Male, Malone, Menkens, Messenger, Mickel, Miller, Moorhead, Mulherin, Nelson Carr, Nicholls, Nolan, O'Brien, O'Neill, Palaszczuk, Pitt, Powell, Pratt, Reeves, Rickuss, Roberts, Robertson, Robinson, Ryan, Schwarten, Scott, Seeney, Shine, Simpson, Smith, Sorensen, Spence, Springborg, Stevens, Stone, Struthers, Stuckey, Sullivan, van Litsenburg, Wallace, Watt, Wellington, Wells, Wendt, Wettenhall, Wilson~~