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**CABOOLTURE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE**

**Mr FELDMAN** (Caboolture—ONP) (Leader of the One Nation Party) (7.13 p.m.): Jobs, jobs, jobs is the cry of Premier Beattie and his Labor Government. It is the cry also of all parties in this House, and rightly so, because through jobs the wealth, prosperity and progress of our community can be directly transferred into individual and family wealth and thereby improve and strengthen our society economically and socially. That is why I again draw the attention of the Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations and other members of this House to the success of the enterprise centre at Caboolture. This centre is probably the most successful centre in Queensland.

Since the centre opened in 1995, it has created some 855 jobs in about 500 businesses. That is a great achievement and helps to explain why Caboolture is one of the nation's great growth areas. The centre is strongly community based, with 373 individual small businesses joining in just three years and attests to the CBEC's credibility to the community.

Now, as a direct result of the CBEC's support and help, some 530 new ventures are up and running. These employ some 920 local people. That means 25 new enterprises have been established every month since April 1998. It also means that some 45 full-time jobs have been created every month during that same time. These are tremendous achievements. These indicate what can be done when Government gives a free rein to individual enterprise at the community level.

The leadership of the CBEC deserves full credit and commendation for the excellent service and support that it is giving to job creation—jobs, jobs and more jobs. The Caboolture Business Enterprise Centre deserves the full support and confidence of the Government, which would include the full funding entitlement of such enterprise centres. I commend the enterprise centre concept to the House and, in particular, the Minister's pledge to the Caboolture Business Enterprise Centre—a centre that has a proven record and is in general a proven model for enterprise centres, ideal for both this State and this nation.

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