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LOGAN HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Mr MICKEL (Logan—ALP) (7.16 p.m.): Tonight I would like to bring to the attention of the House a very, very positive story from the great City of Logan and, in particular, I want to praise the Logan Hospital auxiliary and volunteers. This group of people has worked tirelessly over many, many years, firstly to bring to the Government's attention the fact that the Logan Hospital had to be expanded. Of course, thanks to the Labor Government of the early nineties and now the Beattie Labor Government, those concerns are being listened to.

Let us talk about the volunteers and the auxiliary for a moment. They have raised tens of thousands of dollars towards some much-needed medical services in the Logan Hospital and, as the member for Logan, I would like to pay tribute to that excellent effort of that auxiliary. We are trying to establish a great partnership with that hospital—a partnership between the community and the hospital people, a partnership that should extend because it is a unique campus. We have the Logan Hospital, the Logan TAFE college and, of course, that wonderful initiative of the Goss Government: the Griffith University campus in Logan. I believe that, with those three organisations working together, there is an opportunity to get the enrolled nurses courses there.

When Stage 4 of the Logan Hospital is completed, we will have a great jobs initiative from the Labor Government. There will be 400 full-time equivalent positions created in the City of Logan as a direct result of the completion of Stage 4.

Mr Lucas: Service delivery where it matters.

Mr MICKEL: It is absolute service delivery. The Labor Government is right on target down there in Logan for jobs delivery.

In particular, I want to thank the hospital auxiliary for the work that it is doing in helping to bring about those much-needed and enhanced services for people in a fast growing city such as Logan City. I also want to bring to the Minister's attention the fact that Stage——

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