



Speech by

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Hon. H. PALASZCZUK (Inala—ALP) (Minister for Primary Industries) (9.47 a.m.), by leave: The Department of Primary Industries is playing a key role in this Government's commitment to making Queensland the Smart State. Later today I will be launching a new agency which is set to become the powerhouse of research and innovation in food and fibre. With 1,400 scientists and support staff in 148 centres around the State, the Agency for Food and Fibre Sciences is set to put Queensland on the world map through a research effort that will boost exports and increase revenue and job opportunities in regional Queensland.

Symbolic of the Department of Primary Industries' achievements in research and innovation is a new digital business card, which I would like to present to all honourable members, in keeping with the season of goodwill. This digital business card contains a compact disk, complete with an 11-minute multimedia presentation. It is in itself an innovative marketing tool. Through photographs, video clips and audio it spells out the achievements and scope of Primary Industries in Queensland. The diskette contains 30 megabytes of data, which has been replicated onto a CD the size of a business card. It fits into any CD tray and is self-launching.

We are entering a new age of science and innovation in the development, production and promotion of food and fibre in this State. The Government is taking up the challenge in a changing world of finding new and exciting ways to advance our primary industries. These things are important for the prosperity of all Queenslanders, our quality of life and the sustainable development of our State's resources for future generations.
