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APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES

Ms STRUTHERS (Archerfield—ALP) (10.15 a.m.): In recent months, one of the most satisfying achievements for me is to be a part of this Government's success in generating thousands of apprenticeships and traineeships. Daniel Hyde of Salisbury is one new painting apprentice who is rapt. For a couple of years, Daniel tried unsuccessfully to score an apprenticeship with Q-Build. He thought that his deafness was hindering his applications. Not so under this Government. Recently, along with 149 other young apprentices, Daniel was inducted at a Q-Build ceremony.

In my electorate, a further 16 young people have been given a leg in to promising careers by this Government. Delfin Property Group deserves praise for working in cooperation with Ipswich Young Unemployed People Incorporated and other community groups to obtain a State Government grant to take on 16 horticultural trainees. These trainees will undertake land care activities around Blunder Creek. In doing so, they will receive high-level training and support.

Since this Government launched the Breaking the Unemployment Cycle program last October, 3,058 apprentices and trainees have been taken on. Daniel Hyde has a big smile on his face and money in his pocket. That is what we want for many more young people and their families.
