



Speech by

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Hon. S. D. BREDHAUER (Cook—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Minister for Main Roads) (9.54 a.m.), by leave: I rise on this occasion to inform members of Parliament that I have recently returned from a highly successful trade mission to Asia. In the first part of the trade mission I supported Queensland Rail in its project bids in Hong Kong and Thailand. I commend Queensland Rail for its professional approach in competing in international markets for further business opportunities.

Following this, delegates from the Department of Main Roads and Queensland's transport-related private sector and I undertook a visit to Sichuan Province in China. Subsequently, Main Roads participated in further activities in Zhejiang Province, also in China. The Sichuan visit followed a previous trade mission led by Main Roads Director-General Jim Varghese in November last year. To date, Main Roads has hosted six delegations from Sichuan Province. In Zhejiang Province, the director-general signed a joint statement of cooperation between Main Roads and the Hangzhou Transport Bureau to further Queensland's private sector involvement in Hangzhou's road development projects.

I now table a report on this trade mission, prepared by Main Roads' Transport Industry Development Unit and Queensland Rail, which highlights the successes of the mission. I look forward to providing another statement to Parliament in the near future regarding the exciting business outcomes for the consortia of Queensland transport-related private sector firms.
