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MS T. JONES, INTERNATIONAL WORLDSKILLS COMPETITION

Dr LESLEY CLARK (Barron River—ALP) (10.26 a.m.): Education and training for young Queenslanders is a priority for the Beattie government. Today I congratulate Tamara Jones from Trinity Beach, who will represent Australia at the International Worldskills Competition in the beauty care category. The competition is to be held at St Gallan, Switzerland. I thank Employment and Training Minister Matt Foley for providing a contribution of \$15,000 to Tamara to assist with her expenses involved in travelling to attend the training olympics. That amount is \$5,000 more than other state governments are providing for their contestants.

Tamara is a talented, highly motivated young woman who has proved her beautician skills in the gruelling regional and national Worldskills competitions. I am sure honourable members will join me in wishing Tamara well when she competes on the world stage in Switzerland in June. I am sure we also hope that she comes home with the gold medal she is hoping for. Tamara will be accompanied by another exceptional resident from my electorate, Sue Collins, the director and owner of the Cairns Beauty Academy, where Tamara has received her training, which is clearly equal to that of any in the world. Sue has a long history of involvement with the Worldskills Competition, helping to organise the regional, state and national competitions and working on the design of the tasks required of contestants. She is also writing the international project for the St Gallan competition and has been invited to apply for the position of deputy chief expert for beauty care for Worldskills International and will be a judge in June. I am very proud of these two talented women from my electorate and look forward to reporting back on their experiences and, we hope, their success in Switzerland.