



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

Hansard Thursday, 10 August 2006

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

International Education and Training Industry Showcase

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier) (9.46 am): I want to update the House in relation to the international education and training industry showcase. Queensland's \$1.08 billion international education and training industry continues to expand into new areas and attract growing global attention. Last year more than 55,000 international students chose Queensland and, as I have said on a number of occasions, its value cannot be summed up in dollars alone. I seek leave to have the details incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

There's the academic and cultural contribution international students make to Queensland, our communities and institutions; and there's the great work being done within the local industry to deliver scholarship and services of world standards.

This is precisely why we are celebrating the Smart State's achievements in the industry by showcasing examples of best practice.

We'll be doing this at the Queensland International Education and Training Industry Showcase—the first of its kind in Australia—on 7 September 2006.

More than 50 nominations from individuals, universities and schools have been received across 7 categories including partnerships, and innovations in delivering student support services.

The judging panel will be made of up industry peers.

In effect, this event will set a benchmark for best practice in the industry and demonstrate again that the Queensland Government and the Smart State are leading the way.