



Speech by

# Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

### Skills Recruiting

**Hon. PD BEATTIE** (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.53 am): We had an '@ Work & Play—Queensland on Show' jobs expo in Sydney. From that, 1,000 skilled workers have either been signed with companies or are being interviewed. We need those skills to continue to build Queensland's required infrastructure. I seek leave to have details incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

I am delighted to be able to tell Members that the inaugural @ Work & Play—Queensland on Show jobs expo in Sydney in August has recruited 1,000 extra skilled workers for the Smart State.

I am advised that more than 1,000 skilled workers have either signed with companies or are being interviewed.

This was a cheeky raid across the border and its looks to have paid off—especially for our regions.

We co-sponsored this with the aim of getting 1,500 extra skilled workers by 2008.

We are well and truly on target and the preliminary figures are far beyond everyone's expectation.

The expo is clear evidence of the Queensland Government successfully working with the private sector to get jobs where they are needed.

The quality of skills on show at the event was very high with a good range of tradespeople such as IT specialists, health workers, chefs and construction workers.

The event attracted a broad cross section of workers, ranging from young families pushing strollers to highly qualified medical practitioners interested in moving north.

Industries represented at the event include mining, construction, energy, health, IT, tourism, hospitality, real estate, manufacturing, heavy machinery, human resources, property management and education.