



MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

Hansard Tuesday, 28 November 2006

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Election Commitments

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (10.16 am): On 1 November 2006—

An opposition member interjected.

Mr BEATTIE: The first gift they could give the member would be a brain. On 1 November 2006 I advised members of the government's progress in meeting its election commitments. I am delighted to be able to inform the House that we are continuing to meet our targets and delivering on the promises we made during the 2006 election. Seventy-seven days on, the following initiatives have now also been completed.

We promised to advertise nationally and internationally for extra staff to boost paediatric cardiac services at Prince Charles Hospital. Delivered. In the area of water infrastructure we have delivered the following commitments. Promise: to deliver the initial report on the south-east Queensland water regulation to help coordinate the drought response across councils. Delivered. Promise: to extend the Home WaterWise Rebate Scheme statewide. Delivered. Promise: to progress geotechnical and environmental studies on the Eden Bann and Rookwood weirs. Delivered. Promise: to identify or progress identification of corridors for pipelines between Connors River Dam and the surrounding shires from the Burdekin to Bowen and Proserpine. Delivered.

In terms of the environment, we have delivered the following commitments. Promise: to establish the Clean Coal Technology Project Board and initiate action to test new technologies in the generation of clean power from fossil fuels. Delivered.

In terms of roads and transport we have delivered the following commitments. Promise: to initiate works on major road projects including release of the environmental impact statement on Airport Link, the awarding of the construction contract for the Ipswich-Logan Motorway interchange and the final investment decision on Northern Busway. Delivered. Promise: to facilitate the development of a new, alternative crossing for the Toowoomba range and CBD bypass, which is currently being developed as a public-private partnership. Delivered.

In areas designed to make the lives of all Queenslanders better, we have delivered the following commitments. Promise: to introduce legislation to outlaw ticket scalping at major sporting and entertainment events in Queensland. The legislation is before the House. Promise: to open the new Gympie Police Station and Rainbow Beach Police Beat. Done. Promise: to introduce laws to ensure children cannot legally obtain spray-paint cans. Done. Promise: to enact legislation to outlaw drink spiking. Done. Promise: to enact legislation to authorise courts to apply electronic monitoring devices to persons previously convicted for paedophilia offences. Done.

This brings the number of initiatives that are already completed to 31. Many more are well advanced. We are building a better Queensland. Our capital works spending this year alone tops

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\$10 billion for the first time ever. Since being elected in 1998, we have increased funding to health by more than 64 per cent, funding to education by more than 55 per cent, and funding to welfare and housing by more than 110 per cent. I look forward to providing the people of Queensland with a full report on the delivery of our commitments. I seek leave to incorporate in *Hansard* an update on each one of those commitments.

Leave granted.

FULL LIST OF 100 DAYS COMMITMENTS

Health

A year on from the release of the Health Action Plan, we're continuing to deliver on a better health system.

- Promise: Finalise the acquisition process for the Sunshine Coast Hospital at Kawana and begin detailed design and planning. Action: The Heads of agreement has been executed; the final signing off on the Heads of Agreement to purchase the new Sunshine Coast Hospital site has been extended to mid-January 2007 at the vendor's request. Traffic infrastructure issues that may affect the contracts for sale are being reviewed at present with a meeting held in November 2006 to finalise road design issues.
- Promise: Establish a project team to ensure fast tracking of construction of new University Hospital at Parklands on the Gold Coast.
 - Action: Queensland Health and Griffith University are committed to undertaking the joint master planning of the university and hospital with the objective of ensuring optimal integration. Both parties met in October 2006 to initiate joint master planning and prepare a Heads of Agreement.
- 3. Promise: Commence scoping and design work for capital projects to create extra beds at hospitals, including Princess Alexandra, Townsville, QEII, Robina, Caloundra, Nambour, Rockhampton and Bundaberg hospitals.
 - Action: Consultants have been engaged to assist with the scoping and design work for all but one project. Tenders for health service planning of the remaining project closed on 20 November 2006, with appointment expected by the end of the month, at which point the scoping and design process will have been commenced for all indicated projects.
- 4. Promise: Employ staff, purchase equipment and open additional theatres to ensure elective surgery centres at Redcliffe and Caboolture start operations as soon as possible.
 - Action: Three Orthopaedic Surgeons were interviewed and one has accepted a position.
- 5. Promise: Appoint Dr Alan Isles to lead the consultation process for the creation of the new Queensland Children's Hospital.
 - Action: The New Queensland Children's Hospital project structure has been refined to include the coordinating committee, integration with Capital Works and Asset Management Branch work plans, Children and Young Peoples Council, Parent Council, Human Resource and Change Management committee, Governance sub-committee and Finance committee.
 - The Paediatric Cardiac Services five year service plan has been developed with clinician's involvement. General agreement has been reached on the level of services and resources required for the new Paediatric Cardiac Services. The draft function design brief is on track for completion by the end of November 2006.
- 6. Promise: Create a separate Medical Board to focus solely on doctor registration issues.
 - Action: The necessary legislation was introduced on 31 October 2006 and is now before the House.
 - An experienced consultant, Mr Jim Birch, has been contracted to examine the administrative process and assist in managing the transition to the new office of the Medical Registration Board.
- Promise: Complete an independent review of the Mental Health Act 2000.
 - Action: Former Crime and Misconduct Commission chair Brendan Butler is due to present his report on his independent review of Queensland's mental health laws by 11 December 2006.
- Promise: Advertise nationally and internationally for extra staff to boost paediatric cardiac services at Prince Charles Hospital. Action: An International recruitment campaign is underway with advertisements scheduled for November 2006 in the United Kingdom. A Queensland Health representative from the Prince Charles Hospital commenced interviewing staff in the United Kingdom on 20 November 2006.
- 9. Promise: Introduce legislation to accelerate the acquisition of the site for the new Yeppoon Hospital.
 - Action: The Yeppoon Hospital Site Acquisition Act 2006 received Royal Assent on 13 October 2006.
- 10. Promise: Continue aggressive recruitment of health professionals from interstate and overseas to build on the 311 extra doctors, 1,358 nurses and 546 allied health staff recruited over the last 12 months.
 - Action: By continuing our aggressive recruitment campaign we have successfully increased those totals previously announced to recruit 472 extra doctors, 1,885 extra nurses and 690 extra allied health professionals.
- 11. Promise: Offer jobs to all students graduating as nurses.
 - Action: 874 nursing graduates have accepted offers of employment into start-of-year 2007 positions. The number of acceptances is likely to increase with second round of offers continuing.
- 12. Promise: Conduct consumer focus groups in Health Service Districts across the State as part of the public consultation process for introducing a Consumer Health Council as a fearless, independent voice for health consumers.
 - Action: Numerous consumer focus groups across Queensland are planned. The Consumer Health Council will be developed in early 2007.
- 13. Promise: Continue to publish 'Our Performance' Related Reports on hospital activity (monthly) on Queensland Health website www.health.qld.gov.au; elective surgery waiting times (quarterly), emergency department performance (daily) and staffing (monthly).
 - Action: We are continuing the regular release of information as promised with the monthly Extra Staff Progress Report and the new and expanded Hospital Performance report all updated for October 2006.

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14. Promise: Finalise negotiations with Griffith University for the establishment of a third Queensland Academy at the Smith Street campus on the Gold Coast focused on Health Sciences.

Action: The steering committee for the Gold Coast based Queensland Academy has met to continue negotiations in relation to the establishment of the Academy. A project manager has been appointed to the initiative.

Water

15. Promise: Deliver the initial report on the South East Queensland Water Regulation helping co-ordinate the drought response across Councils.

Action: September reports received from all service providers 6 October 2006. Summary report completed and published.

16. Promise: Extend the Home WaterWise Rebate Scheme State-wide.

Action: The Call Centre and the Home WaterWise Rebate Scheme project team are ready to deal with new applications.

17. Promise: Set water savings targets for all new residential subdivision developments under the Local Government Act 1993.

Action: By 18 December 2006, the Queensland Development Code under the Building Act 1975 will be amended to introduce mandatory requirements for new housing to achieve initial water saving targets. The Government is likely to introduce stricter targets for some new residential developments in South East Queensland by early 2007.

18. Promise: Commence construction on the Southern Regional Pipeline.

Action: On 18 October 2006 the Deputy Premier and I witnessed the installation of the first pipes being laid for this vital project.

19. Promise: Commence site works for Gold Coast desalination plant.

Action: Site works are continuing with a formal contract to be signed in November 2006.

20. Promise: Commence site works for Western Corridor Recycling Scheme.

Action: Site establishment commenced in early September 2006. Pipe laying for the Bundamba to Swanbank section commenced on 17 October 2006. The contract for Stage 1A advanced water treatment plant at Bundamba has been signed and work is underway.

21. Promise: Commence action to obtain easements to set in place the South East Queensland water grid.

Action: Acquisition notices for the pipeline easements for the Western Corridor Recycling Scheme and the Southern Regional Pipeline Project continue to be issued.

Our preference is to purchase the land by agreement but will use compulsory acquisition processes to ensure any delays are kept to a minimum.

22. Promise: Declare Traveston Crossing dam, Wyaralong dam and Bromelton off-stream storage as projects of State significance and commence consultation on terms of reference for an environmental impact statement.

Action: The Coordinator-General declared these projects to be Significant on 20 October 2006 and we plan to release the draft terms of reference for each environmental impact study before the end of the 100 days.

23a. Promise: Invite tenders for construction of Cedar Grove Weir.

Action: We will release Expressions of Interest tenders for the construction of the weir before the end of the 100 days.

Promise: Negotiate arrangements for raising of Hinze Dam.

Action: The Coordinator-General declared the project to be Significant on 20 October 2006. The Gold Coast City Council selected the alliance partners for planning and construction on 2 October 2006.

24. Promise: Complete drilling of the initial production bores of the Nambour/ Landsborough Basin.

Action: Three bores have proved unproductive. Drilling is continuing at two bores in which small quantities of water have been encountered.

25. Promise: Finalise report and act on recommendations from the Toowoomba Water Futures Taskforce.

Action: A third meeting was held on 9 November 2006. The next meeting is anticipated to be in late November 2006 and the Taskforce is confident it will be able to finalise its recommendations prior to submitting them to the Premier with a target date of 15 December 2006.

26. Promise: Progress geotechnical and environmental studies on the Eden Bann and Rookwood Weirs.

Action: Drilling has commenced.

Promise: Complete First Stage of the Burdekin to Moranbah pipeline.

Action: Pipe laying for the first stage of the pipeline, from the Burdekin Falls Dam to Eungella, is due for completion by 15 December 2006. However, full consultation will not occur until early 2007 when power supply is connected.

In addition, the eastern pipeline from Moranbah to Coppabella has been completed and work has started on the southern pipeline from Moranbah to the Dysart area.

28 Promise: Conduct preliminary feasibility study of Connors River Dam.

Action: We have commissioned SunWater to undertake a "fatal flaws" analysis as the preliminary feasibility study. This will be completed in December 2006.

29. Promise: Identify or progress identification of corridors for pipelines between Connors River Dam and surrounding shires, Burdekin to Bowen and Proserpine.

Action: A broad corridor for a pipeline or channel from Burdekin to Bowen has been identified. In addition, we will start identifying a pipeline route from Bowen to Proserpine. We will also declare Water for Bowen as a significant project under the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971. Declaration is expected by end of November 2006.

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30. Promise: Commence acquisition of corridor to connect Rockhampton and Gladstone supplies.

Action: We have completed investigations to determine the optimum alignment of the Stanwell (Rockhampton) to Gladstone Infrastructure Corridor

Following community and landowner consultation between mid-November and mid-December 2006 we intend to recommend to The Governor in Council declaration of the corridor as a State Development area. Following declaration, acquisition of the corridor will commence.

31. Promise: Extend the Business Water Efficiency Program State-wide.

Action: The Business Water Efficiency Program is an incentive scheme funded by the State Government to help businesses save water by adopting sustainable water use practices.

We are extending the program. Outside South East Queensland the program will be delivered through organisations such as existing water service providers. Priority target industries and regions for the roll-out of the program are being identified to ensure maximum water savings are achieved, with businesses able to access the program from early 2007.

32. Promise: Finalise and release the Central Queensland Regional Water Supply Strategy.

Action: The strategy is being finalised and will be released in the near future.

Infrastructure and economic development

33. Promise: Outline a blueprint that will see the emergence of Mount Isa, Townsville and Bowen as a triangle of industrial development and mineral processing over the course of the next half century.

Action: A Scoping paper outlining the intent of this initiative and the key elements of the Blueprint will be submitted to the Government seeking approval to proceed to public consultation with a view to finalisation and development of the strategy in early 2007.

34. Promise: Announce preferred developer status for the development of the Aurukun Bauxite Deposit.

Action: We have awarded preferred developer status to Chalco and are now finalising agreements with Chalco and the Aurukun community on the feasibility study.

35. Promise: Establish the Clean Coal Technology Board and initiate action to test new technologies in the generation of clean power from fossil fuels.

Action: The board met on 24 November 2006 and considered Queensland new technologies in the generation of clean power from fossil fuels this includes Stanwell Corporation's ZeroGen project, a leading-edge demonstration project to efficiently generate power from coal and to capture and sequester the carbon dioxide produced.

36. Promise: Amend the State Development and Public Works Act 1971 and related legislation to provide the Coordinator-General with powers to take over approval processes where agencies have not made decisions in 20 working days.

Action: Legislation was introduced to Parliament on 2 November 2006. Bill to be subject to review by scrutiny committee.

37. Promise: Select six regions as Centres of Enterprise in key areas of industry strength to seize upon opportunities for economic growth.

Action: The Minister for State Development, Employment and Industrial Relations announced the initiative in North Queensland on 7 and 8 November 2006. The six regions have been nominated as Cairns and Far North Queensland; Townsville and North West Queensland, Mackay and Whitsunday, Fitzroy and Central West, Wide Bay Burnett and Darling Downs and the South West. The first region to be addressed will be Darling Downs and the South West, commencing with a regional leaders' function in Toowoomba on 4 December 2006.

38. Promise: Identify private sector partners and prioritise areas for the implementation of the mineral exploration program and the collaborative drilling program.

Action: An approach is being developed for implementation of the mineral exploration initiative and the collaborative drilling initiative, and a list of potential private sector partners has been developed. Guidelines relating to the implementation of these initiatives will be available by 18 December 2006. Formal contracts for this collaborative work are to be prepared by 31 March 2007 and submission of proposals for grants under this program will be sought during the first half of 2007.

These initiatives have been placed in a four-year plan, budgets have been assigned and arrangements are being made to acquire geophysical data in conjunction with Geoscience Australia and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation. Timing of data acquisition will depend upon the availability of contractors and weather conditions.

The areas for acquisition of new geoscientific data have already been prioritised based on areas nominated in the Smart Mining—Future Prosperity policy which includes areas with no modern geophysical survey coverage. Many of these areas have been nominated as high priority for acquisition of geophysical data by the Queensland Resources Council.

39. Promise: Initiate works on major road projects including release of the environmental impact statement on Airport Link, awarding of construction contract for Ipswich-Logan Motorway interchange and final investment decision on Northern Busway.

Action: The Airport Link environmental impact statement and the Northern Busway were released on 11 October 2006.

I announced on 8 October 2006 that business cases for both the Airport Link and the Northern Busway show that both projects are viable, The State Government is funding construction of the busway and the Airport Link will be delivered as a public private partnership. A presentation to industry was held on 20 November 2006.

I announced on 3 November 2006 awarding of the construction contract for the federally-funded Ipswich-Logan Motorway interchange upgrade project to Leighton Contractors Pty Limited.

40. Promise: Accelerate major rail projects by awarding tender for the Mitchelton to Keperra second track, awarding tender for Nerang to Robina second track, complete track works on Ormeau to Coomera duplication and commencing construction of Salisbury to Kuraby third track.

Action: A contract for the duplication of the track between Mitchelton and Keperra and for station upgrades has already been awarded. Early track works have commenced.

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Tenders for construction of a second track and new bridgeworks between Nerang and Robina closed on 3 November 2006. Assessment is being fast tracked and I am advised that the contract is expected to be awarded this calendar year.

The second track between Ormeau and Coomera has been completed and is operational.

Construction of the third track between Salisbury and Kuraby is already under way and progressing well.

- 41. Promise: Appoint successful tenderer to duplicate the Gateway Bridge and upgrade 20km of the motorway.
 - Action: A Leighton Abigroup joint venture for the \$1.88 billion project was appointed in September 2006. Preliminary investigative works on the upgrade have commenced with construction work to start in early 2007.
- 42. Promise: Take investment decision on Springfield Road Rail corridor.
 - Action: This will be made within the 100 days. A draft Business Case was issued to Government on 14 November 2006.
- 43. Promise: Facilitate the development of a new, alternative crossing for the Toowoomba range and CBD bypass which is currently being developed as a public private partnership.
 - Action: Tenders for construction of the test tunnel were called on 15 November 2006. A proposal for commercial advice and financial modelling is being prepared.
- 44. Promise: Commence site plans for five bridges and resurface 71km of the Dawson Highway between Calliope and Banana.
 - Action: Intersection and access works on the Biloela to Banana section are complete. Final strengthening and resurfacing works commenced on 6 November 2006. Access works and a passing lane on Calliope to Biloela stretch well underway. Design for all bridges were completed in early October 2006, with piling complete on the first two bridges west of Banana. Detour on Deep Creek complete and old bridge demolished. Piling work on Double and Deep Creeks is underway.
- 45. Promise: Establish a whole of Government review process to identify risks in each portfolio area leading to the development of a State-wide Infrastructure and Services Plan to identify future need and impact on resources.
 - Action: We will establish a rigorous process based on international best practice that will include external checks and regular review of the risks faced in each portfolio.
- 46. Promise: Develop an integrated strategy to assist development of the industrial and enterprise precincts in the western corridor of South East Queensland.
 - Action: This strategy was completed on 27 October 2006. I anticipate being able to make major announcements as a result of the strategy within the 100 days.
- 47. Promise: Complete preliminary planning for final alignment of corridor and station locations on the Sunshine Coast CAMCOS Rail corridor.

Action: Queensland Transport have undertaken preliminary engineering planning work on the realignment of the southern section of the CAMCOS corridor between the Bruce Highway and Caloundra. This work has been provided to Caloundra City Council and has been included in Council's draft Local Growth Management Strategy. The draft Strategy depicts an alternative corridor in this location with a caveat 'subject to State Government investigation'. The Strategy was released for public consultation on 26 October 2006 closing 8 December 2006.

Since the promise was made, Horton Park Golf Club at Maroochydore has decided to sell the golf course. This may allow a better route, necessitating a fresh study of the location of Maroochydore Station. On 22 November 2006, Maroochy Shire Council considered a recommendation to endorse an option for the Maroochydore Town Centre Master Plan which would involve a realignment of CAMCOS through the golf club land and a station location closer to Horton Parade. This outcome is likely to better serve the town centre in its role as the Principle Activity Centre for the Sunshine Coast as designated under the South East Queensland Regional Plan 2005-2026.

Following a request from Maroochy Shire Council, Queensland Transport has provided preliminary engineering advice on the technical feasibility of such a route. A consultant brief has been prepared and consultants will be invited to undertake the first stage of an Environmental Impact Assessment on this alternate corridor alignment. Queensland Transport is aiming to have a stage 1 report by the end of December 2006 with a final Environment Impact Assessment report by September 2007. Queensland Transport will continue to protect the existing alignment until this time.

- 48. Promise: Complete and open the new Gallery of Modern Art as part of the Millennium Arts project.
 - Action: The new Gallery of Modern Art will open to the public in December 2006.
- 49. Promise: Complete and open the refurbished State Library as part of the Millennium Arts project.
 - Action: It was my great pleasure to officially open the redeveloped State Library of Queensland on 25 November 2006.
- 50. Promise: Launch the Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Facility at the Institute of Molecular Bioscience.
 - Action: I was delighted to launch the \$17 million Queensland Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Network on 25 September 2006 at The University of Queensland.
- 51. Promise: Open the new Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation at Queensland University of Technology.
 - Action: I was proud to launch the new \$70 million Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation based in a state of the art facility at the Queensland University of Technology's campus in the Kelvin Grove Urban Village on 24 October 2006.
- 52. Promise: Open the Australian Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology at the University of Queensland.
 - Action: It was my pleasure to launch the \$70 million Australian Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology at the University of Queensland on 23 October 2006.

Jobs, industry and skills

53. Promise: Commit to an extra 1,000 apprentices and trainees in the first 100 days as part of our agenda to increase apprentice training places by 17,000 each year by 2010.

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Action: User Choice contract allocations have been made to training providers ensuring that funding is available for an additional 1,000 apprentices and trainee training places.

54. Promise: Open Acacia Ridge campus of the Trade and Technical Skills Institute.

Action: The campus, involving a first stage of ten new classrooms, toilets and 8,300 square metres of flexible learning space and stores, will be ready for opening in the 100 days.

55. Promise: Introduce legislation to support \$1.1 billion Queensland Skills Plan.

Action: We will introduce the legislation this year.

56. Promise: Establish ten new sites for Skilling Solutions Queensland.

Action: Leases have been established at all ten locations across Queensland.

The first Skilling Solutions Queensland centre is scheduled for opening in Hervey Bay by early December 2006, with the remaining centres being rolled out from early 2007

57. Promise: Establish three new Training Centres of Excellence.

Action: The three new training centres of excellence are designed to provide industry leadership and influence and be the focal point for industry and government to deal with vocational education and training, skills development and similar labour market issues.

They will also provide government with industry advice on skills shortages and develop strategies to enable the continued growth of the industries.

58. Promise: Work with industry to identify locations for five new industry trade training centres.

Action: Potential school industry partnerships have been mapped for the five regions in which the centres will be located. Consultation with industry and schools will inform specific school industry partnership sites.

59. Promise: Work with industry, the Queensland Catholic Education Commission and Independent Schools Queensland to double the number of school based apprenticeships and traineeships from the beginning on the 2007 school year.

Action: Strategies will include improving employers', parents' and students' perceptions and understanding of school-based apprenticeships and traineeships and establishing productive relationships across these stakeholders to increase the uptake of school-based apprenticeships and traineeships.

60. Promise: Finalise the Queensland College of Wine Tourism at Stanthorpe.

Action: Construction of the College has been completed. Fit out is being finalised and will be completed within the 100 days. Training has already commenced and industry has accessed the College for a number of specific events.

61. Promise: Undertake work with the Aviation Industry on the creation of a specialist Aviation High School at Hendra.

Action: Students, parents and staff of Hendra State College have recently been consulted on transitioning the College to 'Aviation High' from the start of 2007. The Government will continue to work with industry partners in overseeing the establishment of the school.

62. Promise: If WorkChoices is validated, the Government will amend State legislation to ensure the employees of statutory authorities caught by WorkChoices are transferred to a non-corporate entity so the employer becomes the Crown.

Action: Following the High Court's decision to uphold the validity of Work Choices, the Government is proceeding to finalise amending legislation that will re-establish state industrial coverage of employees of statutory authorities.

63. Promise: Under the Tomorrow's Schools program provide \$50 million in capital works grants to State school communities and issue guidelines to access \$850 million in capital works to modernise existing infrastructure and provide new facilities required for the future in State schools.

Action: Submissions closed on 3 November 2006 with a 100% return rate.

64. Promise: Establish the Queensland Academy of Science, Maths and Technology at Toowong.

Action: Student enrolment, staff recruitment and redevelopment of the Toowong site is on track for the start of school 2007.

65. Promise: Establish the Queensland Academy of Creative Industries at Kelvin Grove.

Action: Student and staff recruitment for the start of school 2007 is on track. For 2007, the Academy will operate from temporary accommodation on our partner university's site at QUT Kelvin Grove. Renovation of K block is on schedule, ready for occupation by staff within the 100 days.

66. Promise: Appoint 14 literacy co-ordinators across the State, roll out competency training for early years teachers (Prep to Year 3) and finalise negotiations with the Queensland Catholic Education Commission and the Independent Schools of Queensland on the roll-out of additional literacy support for children in years 5 to 7.

Action: There have been 15 Regional Literacy Managers appointed to cover the whole State. The Managers have been training since October 2006, and will continue until January 2007. When the training is completed, they will return to their Regions to begin the rollout of training.

The training begins in February 2007, and will begin with the early years teacher aides. In Semester Two, training for teachers from Years P to 3 will begin.

Community, social, and law and order

67. Promise: Identify priority areas and develop construction timetable to roll-out the cyclone proofing of public buildings initiative on coastal Queensland and roll-out education and awareness program on cyclone preparedness.

Action: The State Disaster Management Group has already met to discuss a submission on the initiative.

The Department of Public Works has initially identified the priority areas and is working with Cairns City Council on a test project to document the council's community public shelter requirements.

Funding for this work has been provided by the Government. Once this project has been finalised, it will be used as the basis for a planning guideline to be produced for use by all other local governments in the cyclonic zone.

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It is proposed that the majority of the shelters will be developed through 'strengthening' suitable new public buildings on existing or future capital works programs such as school gymnasiums and community halls.

Within the 100 days we will have developed a construction timetable which will identify projects from the present and future capital works programs for targeted communities in the priority areas so that suitable buildings including school and TAFE gymnasiums, multi-purpose halls, workshops and community entertainment centres, can be constructed to the standards necessary in a cyclone shelter.

We will have education and awareness advice ready to distribute before the end of the 100 days.

- 68. Promise: Introduce legislation to apply the Australian Sports Drug Agency drug code to Queensland athletes.
 - Action: We will introduce legislation that will be complementary to the Commonwealth Government's Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Act 2006 and the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority which has replaced the Australian Sports Drug Agency before the end of 2006.
- 69. Promise: Enact legislation to clarify that any parliamentary allowances apply only for the term of incumbency and ensure that any funds advanced to members are repaid on a pro-rata basis.
 - New Action: As I advised on 11 October 2006 I have written to the former Members who received the allowance and requested that they contact the Clerk of the Parliament to make arrangements to repay the relevant amounts.
 - I understand that former Members are liaising with the Clerk and he will be advising me of progress in these repayments.
- 70. Promise: Introduce legislation to outlaw ticket scalping at major sporting and entertainment events in Queensland.
 - Action: This legislation is now before the house.
- 71. Promise: Induct 220 new police before the end of 2006.
 - Action: By 25 October 2006, 225 new police officers had been sworn in since the State Election.
- 72. Promise: Ensure ongoing increases in police numbers to keep pace with Queensland's rapid population growth.
 - Action: With the recent increase in new police sworn in, this is promise is being met.
- 73. Promise: Establish a new police squad to crack down on violent bikie gangs.
 - Action: Within the 100 days we will establish an Outlaw Motor Cycle Gang Squad under the Organised Crime Group.
- 74. Promise: Legislate to give police the power to confiscate the vehicles of repeat drunk drivers, unlicensed drivers and those who drive unregistered and illegally modified cars.
 - Action: The Police Powers and Responsibilities and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 was introduced into Parliament on 2 November 2006 and is currently awaiting debate.
- 75. Promise: Commence scoping and design work for the rollout of new and upgraded police stations.
 - Action: This has already been achieved with work underway to plan the upgrade works and the search for suitable sites on which to build the new stations.
- 76. Promise: Open the new Gympie Police Station and Rainbow Beach Police Beat.
 - Action: The Gympie Police Station became operational in mid-October 2006. Rainbow Beach Police Beat became operational on 30 October 2006.
- 77. Promise: Introduce laws to ensure children can't legally obtain spray-paint cans.
 - Action: The Summary Offences and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2006 was introduced into Parliament on 2 November 2006 and is currently awaiting debate.
- 78. Promise: Enact legislation to outlaw drink spiking.
 - Action: The legislation was assented to on 10 November 2006.
- 79. Promise: Enact legislation to authorise courts to apply electronic monitoring devices to persons previously convicted for paedophilia offences.
 - Action: The legislation was enacted on 10 November 2006 and the commitment has been completed within the 100 days.

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