



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

National Telstra Businesswomen's Awards

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.47 am): I am delighted that the Smart State will be represented at the national 2006 Telstra Businesswomen's Awards by five outstanding Queenslanders. They include Carlton Crest Hotel General Manager Eleanor Davidson, who is on my business round table. She has recently been named Telstra's Queensland Businesswoman of the Year. I wish each one of our Queenslanders the very best of luck at this weekend's finals. I seek leave to incorporate details in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

She will be joined at the finals in Sydney on Saturday the 2nd of December by:

- Lilydale Host Farm Manager and Owner Pamela Hardgrave, who won the Westpac Business Owner Award in Queensland;
- Michelle Monsour, Chief Executive of Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, who won the Hudson Community and Government Award;
- Inventor and Director of Microskin International Linda Lowndes, who received the Australian Government Business Innovation Award; and
- Kathy Teese, winner of the state Panasonic Young Business Women Award, who is Director of Jimboomba Motorcycles.

These high-achieving women are making an important contribution to the buoyant Queensland economy and they are forging an impressive path forward for the next generation of businesswomen leaders to follow.

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