



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

MUSEXPO 2007

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.52 am): My government has been very supportive of MUSEXPO 2007. I seek leave to have the details incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

Today I pleased to announce Queensland artists Pete Murray, Tyrone Noonan and the band Transport are heading to MUSEXPO in Los Angeles.

They will show—yet again—that Billboard magazine got it right when it dubbed Brisbane a world talent hotspot.

Next month's event is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Acts who get there meet big names in the business.

My Government has so far invested in excess of \$113,165 so 10 local acts have made it on the MUSEXP stage since it started in 2005.

Already, it's paying dividends.

Queenslanders have secured film, television, radio and even video game work.

This includes the lucrative USA, UK and Scandinavian markets, Mr Speaker.

This year, we'll again be showcasing what the Smart State has to offer.

I want to thank my Government's Trade and International Operations Division, Arts Queensland and our peak industry body, Q Music, for their involvement.

And good luck to our talented Queenslanders.

MUSEXPO will run in Los Angeles from April 29 to May 2, 2007.