



Speech by

**Hon. PETER BEATTIE**

**MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Trade Mission**

**Hon. PD BEATTIE** (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.37 am): From 30 April to 14 May I led a trade mission to Hong Kong, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America. This is part 2 of my report. It was an excellent mission that produced many positive outcomes for Queensland. I seek leave to incorporate details in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

Our mission again focused international attention on Queensland's dynamic economy—with particular focus on our smart industries.

In Hong Kong the spotlight was firmly on Queensland's world class capabilities in medical research.

I joined a team from the Queensland Institute of Medical Research to launch the world's first clinical trials for the treatment of a virulent cancer of the nose and throat commonly known as Guangdong Cancer.

In the Republic of Korea we promoted education, tourism, clean coal technology, biotechnology—even the Magic Millions horse sales on the Gold Coast.

In the United States my colleague the Minister for State Development, Employment and Industrial Relations and I led a large Queensland delegation to BIO 2007 in Boston.

I promoted Queensland to bankers and other investors in New York.

I also visited South Carolina and am delighted to report that our Sister State relationship with South Carolina is blossoming and maturing, with many real benefits flowing through to Queensland businesses and research institutions.

**Mr BEATTIE:** I table my report, together with two boxes of attachments which are on the table.

*Tabled paper:* Report on overseas visit to Hong Kong, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America from 30 April to 14 May 2007.

*Tabled paper:* Index to report on overseas visit.

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