



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Growing the Smart State PhD Program

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.51 am): I have pleasure in advising the House that almost \$200,000 has been allocated to 24 postgraduate students under the Growing the Smart State PhD program. I table the details of the students and seek leave to incorporate more details in *Hansard*.

Tabled paper: Document titled 'Growing the Smart State PhD Funding Program 2006 Grant Recipients'.

Leave granted.

This is a major investment, with Queensland Week being a time when we reflect on our State's achievements and look to the future with optimism.

Since 1998, my Government has been charting the Smart State's course—valuing knowledge, creativity and innovation, and using these to drive economic growth and improve our quality of life.

That's precisely why my Government makes substantial investments in programs like these grants which support our best and brightest.

Projects to win the latest grants include research into climate change and sustainability, health and disease, even road safety.

There is a competitive grants scheme, Mr Speaker, with up to \$15,000 available over three years to help cover PhD research costs, as well as provide mentoring.

Applications for the next round open 2 July, and the program has awarded more than \$940,000 to 113 students since it started in 2002.

Mr Speaker, I want to say well done to each and every one of our grant recipients—we will be watching their progress with great interest and considerable pride.