



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

International Conventions

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.43 am): International conventions are big business for Brisbane and the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre is playing its part. There are few businesses as cutthroat and competitive as the international convention market, yet the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre continues to attract record numbers of conventions to the city. In the past eight weeks, the centre's international bidding team has confirmed another 10 major international conventions that are coming to Brisbane between 2008 and 2012. Together, these 10 conventions will deliver 11,500 delegates to Brisbane with an estimated economic benefit to Queensland of at least \$28 million. The latest successes mean a total of 77 new international and national conventions have been confirmed for the centre during the past 12 months. That level of bookings is unprecedented. I seek leave to have more details incorporated in *Hansard*, including the bid wins.

Leave granted.

It shows Brisbane is a significant player in the lucrative convention market and I congratulate the Centre's management, and their partners at Brisbane Marketing, on their achievements.

The latest confirmations include an interesting mix of topics.

They range from the 29th International Symposium on Sea Turtle Conservation and Biology in 2009 to the International Federation of Information Processing World Computer Congress 2010 and the Asian and Oceania Congress on Child Neurology 2011.

These events sit very comfortably with Queensland's Smart State image.

Brisbane also intends to bid for one of the world's top 20 conventions—the Annual World Dental Congress in Brisbane in 2013.

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre is partnering with the Australian Dental Association and the Queensland Government to bid for the four-day event.

The convention would be expected to attract at least 8,000 delegates and their partners from around the world. Such an event would generate more than \$16 million to the Queensland economy.

Brisbane will present its bid submission in the next few weeks.

International convention bid wins:

- Asia Pacific Conference on Vision 2008
- Research In Education International Conference 2008
- 29th International Symposium on Sea Turtle Conservation and Biology (2009)
- International Symposium on Remote Sensing 2010
- 20th International Maritime Pilots Congress 2010
- International Horn Symposium 2010
- IFIP World Computer Congress 2010
- The IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2010
- Asian & Oceania Congress on Child Neurology 2011
- 2012 International Council of Archives Congress.