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PLAYGROUP QUEENSLAND

 **Mr RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (2.56 pm): Last week I joined with local kids in welcoming Playgroup Queensland's mobile toy library to Burpengary. The mobile toy library is an initiative of Playgroup Queensland and it receives funding from the Queensland government. The mobile toy library travels all through South-East Queensland and provides opportunities for kids of all backgrounds to participate in fun and exciting play based learning opportunities.

It is important to note that play based learning cannot be overlooked in the learning and life development of our young children. Playgroup Queensland is to be particularly commended for its efforts in this regard. Playgroup Queensland has always recognised, like this Labor state government, that access to play based learning is a vital part of early learning for our kids. We know that there are many benefits to play based learning. Play is fundamental for our kids in establishing their identity, learning new skills and emotions. Playgroup Queensland is working towards providing those great opportunities for our kids. This government is working towards providing those great opportunities for our kids to ensure that they are ready for school and ready for life

The new mobile toy library of Playgroup Queensland helps us take all those play based learning opportunities to families who may not normally have access to those particular services. I am very pleased that Playgroup Queensland has a strong presence in the Morayfield state electorate. I particularly note that access to a toy library is provided on a regular basis at the Burpengary community hall on the first Wednesday of every month excluding school holidays. Just like Playgroup Queensland, this Queensland Labor government is doing all it can to give our young people a flying start to their education.