



Speech by


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 **Mr SHUTTLEWORTH** (Ferny Grove—LNP) (2.38 pm): I rise in the House this afternoon to speak of an event at which I represented the Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts last week. It was the Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology's Industrial Affiliates Program evening promoting the benefits of collaboration between industry players and Australian universities, in particular the University of Queensland. Professor Peter Gray, who heads up the AIBN, and Professor Peter Hoj drove the evening through a range of presentations which were followed up by Professor Darren Martin.

Professor Darren Martin kicked off a company that was headed out of the AIBN called TenasiTech, which received \$925,000 of government support for the establishment of this spin-off business. Through the affiliates program the AIBN is trying to ensure that the scientists and engineers of very high calibre that we produce through our university programs in Queensland can find employment opportunities within the state such that we are able to grow and nurture our industries going forward.

TenasiTech has linked up with another well-known Brisbane company, ERG Group, which operates within about 180 markets throughout the world and employs over 1,000 people. They have approached Professor Martin to develop products for them using nanotechnology to produce new polymer technologies that will increase the tensile strength, malleability, scratch resistance and so forth of ERG products such as golf balls, splashbacks and so on. I did actually inquire as to whether the golf balls went any straighter than the ones I use, but unfortunately that is not one of the criteria.

DSM, another very good company that is establishing a business in Brisbane, is a global operation employing many thousands of people throughout the world. In Queensland they are setting up an operation at the Princess Alexandra Hospital and will be employing 500 Brisbane people. They are a manufacturing operation that manufactures medical and scientific products. Largely, they were there on the evening to discuss with the affiliates program how increased bioengineering and nanotechnology products being developed through the AIBN can be incorporated into their products. It was an outstanding evening, and I commend AIBN on their efforts.

*(Time expired)*