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Education Reform

 **Hon. JH LANGBROEK** (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (Minister for Education, Training and Employment) (2.18 pm): Last Monday the Premier and I visited the education faculty at QUT and announced Great Teachers = Great Results, a \$535 million commitment commencing in 2015. For the first time in Queensland we will be able to effectively determine our best teachers, school leaders and principals. Once we have identified the best teachers in the state we can reward them, we can upskill them and we can deploy them to where they are needed most. Research tells us that the teacher is the biggest influencing factor on student outcomes within a school. After all, it is the teacher in front of the class who has direct contact with the students.

This document has 15 initiatives. The initiatives work with each other. The initiatives are aligned. The initiatives are true to the same purpose and goal. This document is a robust policy document. It may not be full of headlines but it is full of improvement. It may not be full of rhetoric but it is full of reform. Importantly, this document requires significantly less money than the much hyped Gonski plan because when you do the hard work, when you put in the required thought, you do not need to spray money around inefficiently. You achieve your outcomes because the things you are doing are precise and potent. Compare that with Gonski.

I want to put something on the record here today. If you were to ask Prime Minister Gillard or Peter Garrett what is needed to improve school performance, their answer would be 'money'. If you were to ask the Newman government, we would say 'improving parental engagement, boosting teacher quality and developing leaders in schools'. See the difference? We are prepared to look at what the research has to say, we are prepared to challenge long-held norms and we are prepared to exercise political courage to bring in much needed reforms. Yesterday at Windsor State School Peter Garrett cut a birthday cake and answered some questions about Gonski. His answers have not changed. He said—

Our ambition and goal for Australian schools is more funding for them in the future.

The Labor Party's answer to everything is money. It is in their blood. To make up for their inability to develop a coherent, aligned and research based policy, they throw money at the problem. We will never beat the Labor Party when it comes to spending money. If you were to ask both the LNP and the Labor Party to solve the same problem, it would take those opposite a lot more money in order to find the solution. In this document there are 15 policy initiatives. As yet we have not seen a single one from the opposition leader. I table the document.

Tabled paper. Document titled *Great teachers = great results: a direct action plan for Queensland schools*, Department of Education, Training and Employment [[2441](#)].