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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Education Reform

 **Hon. JH LANGBROEK** (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (Minister for Education, Training and Employment) (9.54 am): Last week the Prime Minister wrote a letter to school principals saying that her Gonski reforms were for all students and all schools. The reality is that 300 Queensland schools will be worse off under Gonski. Yesterday, the Labor mates of those opposite voted in favour of the Australian Education Bill in the House of Representatives. They voted in favour of stripping money from 300 schools.

Labor backbenchers around the state trotted blindly into the vote and in doing so condemned schools in their electorates to less funding—Labor backbenchers like Graham Perrett. I want him to go to Acacia Ridge State School and explain to the principal, teachers and the 276 students why he wants them to be 2.1 per cent worse off; or maybe he should go to Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School and explain why he thinks they should be 6.5 per cent worse off; or maybe he should go to the Southside Education Centre and explain why they should be 5.1 per cent worse off.

What about members like Yvette D’Ath? Why doesn’t she trot down to Southern Cross Catholic College and explain why they will be 6.5 per cent worse off; or maybe she should go to St John Fisher College and explain why they will be 6.3 per cent worse off; or maybe, just maybe, she should go to the Autism Queensland Education and Therapy Centre and explain why she thinks they deserve to be 1.1 per cent worse off.

Then there are the candidates such as Fiona McNamara, the Australian Education Union stooge, hoping it will be third time lucky as she runs again—this time in the seat of Brisbane. Perhaps she should explain to the parents at Windsor State School why she thinks they should be 2.4 per cent worse off or go to Petrie Terrace State School and explain why they should be 2.2 per cent worse off or go to the Queensland Academy for Creative Industries and explain why they should be two per cent worse off.

Contrast this with what the Newman government is doing. Not only will all of these schools be eligible for greater autonomy through independent public schools, not only will teachers at these schools be eligible for bonus pay, masters scholarships and leadership qualifications under Great Teachers = Great Results; all of these schools have already benefited from the Fixing our Schools Fund. Acacia Ridge State School received \$160,000, with more to come; Petrie Terrace State School received \$54,400; the Queensland Academy for Creative Industries received \$12,500; and Windsor State School received \$160,000, with more to come.

We are getting on with the job of delivering for education. Once again we can see that the Newman government is a government that knows education, plans for education and delivers for education.