




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Open Data

 **Mr STEVENS** (Mermaid Beach—LNP) (5.28 pm): I rise to acknowledge the fantastic commitment and generosity of time and expertise of industry leaders and community leaders to the Premier's open data project. As the Assistant Minister to the Premier on e-government I have been overwhelmed by the great assistance and dedication that industry experts have given the government on this important path to be the most open and accountable government that Queenslanders have ever known. We are in an exciting phase of our project, with the 2013 Premier's Awards for Open Data happening and the concept stage of the apps competition coming to a close on 22 September, with final nominations needing to be in by 31 October 2013.

I would like to thank personally the members of my open data advisory group: Neil Glentworth, the Managing Director of Glentworth Pty Ltd; Neil Makepeace; Steve Baxter; Sharon Schoenborn and Charles Shavitz of Microsoft; Rob Cook; Baden Appleyard; Mark Henley of the Queensland Council of Social Service; Geoff Garrett, the Chief Scientist; the representative of the Queensland Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Maree Adshead; and departmental officers from many departments who have given many hours to our open data revolution project.

Our open data revolution is going great guns and is well on the way to having many data sets from all government departments available, with currently 394 data sets on our open data website. At the Premier's Open Data Mixer event recently we were privileged to have Dr Rufus Pollock, founder and director of the Open Knowledge Foundation, as guest speaker to address industry stakeholders and government officials. We thank him greatly for his support and sharing of wisdom. The Open Knowledge Foundation is a non-profit organisation founded in 2004 in the UK which is dedicated to promoting open knowledge, open data and open content in all forms including open government data. As an international leader in their field, the development of the Comprehensive Knowledge Archive Network project is the world's leading open source data portal platform used by data.gov in the US and data.gov.uk in the UK.

I would encourage any business, community organisation or groups to become involved with the Premier's Open Data Awards and submit a concept for an app by 22 September in one of the areas of public transport, social service delivery, economic benefits for Queensland or the omnipotent open wildcard category. There will be \$5,000 in prize money for each of the lucky winners from each category and Microsoft has kindly added to this prize with five Nokia Lumia 920s; five Asus Vivtab tablets; one four-month course at Founder Institute for the nominated team founder to attend from February 2014; and a maximum of \$60,000 worth of Windows Azure for a maximum period of two years. I thank Microsoft sincerely for their most generous donation to this program. I thank everyone for their support and I look forward to the future ongoing development of the open data revolution.