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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Open Data Apps Awards

Mr STEVENS (Mermaid Beach—LNP) (3.41 pm): We have reached an important milestone in our open data revolution project, and that is the closing date of the Premier's open data apps awards competition, which is today. The Premier's awareness and encouragement initiative has seen the awards receive about 50 excellent nominations for the competition, which closes today.

This exciting stage of the open data revolution has given us the greatest opportunity to engage with the community at large, industry and business stakeholders, non-government organisations and individuals who wanted to be part of this exciting opportunity and development of a variety of innovative apps for the inaugural Premier's awards. The apps will be judged in four categories: public transport, social services delivery, economic benefits for Queensland and an open wildcard category, with final nominations to be in today—proving that there are many, many talented people out there who got their nominations in by today.

We have seen some very creative, revolutionary, innovative and exciting proposals and concepts submitted for the Premier's open data apps competition. I would like to thank all participants who have provided conceptual proposals for taking the time, for their hard work and for some going out on a limb in developing and putting forward their submission. This is a great start for the future of open data in Queensland.

The Premier has always prosecuted the economic and social significance of the data held by the Queensland government but owned by the people of Queensland, and to see that data being used in these innovative and proactive apps is most gratifying. It shows that Queensland is leading the way with initiatives such as this open data revolution that engages and brings together industry, business and the community to help us drive the Premier's Open Data Initiative, to deliver open and accountable government by having government data readily accessible for all the community to absorb, utilise and commercialise in many cases for their own business purposes. The commercialisation of government data through the creation of apps has great potential and endless possibilities. These awards have been a catalyst for this to happen and to reach the greatest of heights and unleash amazing possibilities.

I would like to thank my open data advisory group, which we commonly call 'Dataex', for their expert advice and help in the delivery of this competition and for their assistance with these awards. I would also like to thank Microsoft very much for their assistance and for the generous prizes—over $60,000 worth—that they have provided for each winner in the four categories. With the results and winners to be announced by the Premier shortly, I wish all participants the very best, and I look forward to the exciting potential that is expected to be a product of such an exciting apps competition.