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Premier's Open Data Awards

Mr STEVENS (Mermaid Beach—LNP) (2.30 pm): Today I rise in the House to update everyone on the recent announcement on behalf of the Premier of the 2014 Premier's Open Data Awards at the GovHack Red Carpet Awards announced on Sunday, 10 August. The Premier's Open Data Awards 2014 are on again and will bring together industry stakeholders, businesspeople, community organisations and the public to become involved in what has become an annual event in the e-government world. There are exciting new categories this year that focus on maximising app creativity, development and design. Those competition categories are the best use of open data, the best use of a community app and the best commercial app. For the first time this year there will also be prizes for the best school entry which will encourage all high school students to get into the megarich world of creating apps and also—and this is probably my favourite part of the competition that I have been personally in support of—the best Public Service entry which will be open to all Queensland public servants.

I remind everyone that there is a six-week time frame for the competition and entries need to be lodged by Friday, 26 September and winners will be announced in December by the Premier at the Premier's awards ceremony. Like the GovHack awards, the Premier's Open Data Awards are focused on the community, whether you are in business, a non-government organisation or association or someone just wanting to have a go to see what they can come up with. It is a fantastic opportunity for the development of creative useable apps. The GovHack awards competition is a great concept judged on the project page and three-minute videos submitted and was done over a two-day period from Friday, 11 July to Sunday, 13 July.

The Hon. Malcolm Turnbull, the federal Minister for Communications, was the special guest and announced the winners of GovHack. This particular event showcased the collaboration that can be achieved between local, state and federal governments with regard to the development of the importance of open data. I am very pleased to say that a gentleman from the Gold Coast won the GovHack award. The Premier's Open Data Awards will give participants time to conceive the concept, ripen the approach and develop an app utilising our government's data. At the moment as of Tuesday, 26 August, there are 1,426 data sets with 5,315 resources to work with and many more to come. I call on the IT industry, businesses large and small, community groups and associations and the whole of the non-government sector, schools and all public servants to have a go and create an exciting app that will change the world in which we live.