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Clontarf Beach State High School, Regional Health Summit

 **Ms D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (11.29 pm): I rise to speak about an event that was held recently at one of my high schools, Clontarf Beach State High School. This was a fantastic event. It was a regional health summit put together with Partnership Brokers. The Australian Catholic University, Clontarf Beach State High School—which was the host—Embrace Life, Brisbane North Institute of TAFE, Redcliffe Hospital, Queensland University of Technology and the University of the Sunshine Coast were involved in this fantastic event. It is held to induct young people into health sector opportunities through innovative community education. It is about getting the kids interested and aware of what occupations are available in the health sector, not just through sitting and listening to speeches, but actually through interactive workshops.

This year was the second year that Clontarf Beach State High School has hosted the summit. There were some 600 students from about 10 schools in the North Coast region who came to participate in the day. Through the workshops they got to participate in things such as chiropractic, optometry, clinical psychology, dental, dental assistant and technology, nursing, occupational therapy, podiatry and medical laboratory science. They could check out all of these different occupations that they may want to pursue later in life.

I would like to read some words from Jess Lloyd, the guidance officer from the school, who said—

The second year of the Clontarf Beach State High School Regional Health Summit once again provided students with a platform to experience health career education in a real world context. The hands-on workshops and exhibitor combination gave students the opportunity to have real conversations with health professionals at a crucial time in a student's career voyage. Clontarf Beach State High School linked with Sustainable Partnerships Australia to offer the Regional Health Summit to 10 schools in the north coast region and approximately 600 students from years 10-12 enjoyed the experience.

This is a fantastic initiative and I congratulate Sustainable Partnerships Australia for this fantastic event. It is disappointing that in the federal budget last week the Abbott government cut the funding for this partnership brokerage. They have cut the Partnership Brokers, the Youth Connections and the National Career Advice programs which by the end of the year would have helped 100,000 young Australians. All of these programs will cease in December this year. These were great programs doing wonderful things. I hope that, despite this funding disappearing, the schools will be able to keep this collaboration going with local health sectors to keep this summit going. It is unfortunate there will not be new ones happening.