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Gold Coast Commonwealth Games

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.32 am): In April 2018, thousands of people will flock to the Gold Coast and another 1.5 billion people will tune into their televisions as our state is showcased during the Commonwealth Games. This is Queensland's biggest chance to shine on the world stage since Expo in 1988 and will create about 30,000 jobs for Queenslanders. Today I announce that my government is taking the first major step in creating 1,000 of those jobs for Queenslanders who will work on the front line of games preparation.

Today we were opening expressions of interest for the provision of recruitment services to find those 1,000 people who will join the Gold Coast 2018 games and will work for the next three years to help on the games preparation and ensure Queensland delivers the best Commonwealth Games ever. Those paid staff will help in such areas as communications and marketing, finance and administration, and other areas crucial to get the Gold Coast ready for 2018. We are tasking the successful recruiter with pulling together a team comprised of people of all ages and with a wide range of skills. We are keen to find not only Queenslanders with games or other major event experience but also others from specialist areas of management to pull our games together.

My government is also opening expressions of interest for the ticket service provider for the games. The successful firm will be in charge of the seating inventory of 1.5 million seats for more than 250 sports competition sessions at the 2018 games. The contract involves the administration of the ticket allocation and management of the ticketing technology platform. That is a major service provision for the 2018 games and one that involves all aspects of ticket allocation and sale. It is a massive undertaking for a local company.

It was a Labor government that secured the games for the Gold Coast and it is a Labor government that will ensure that the games delivers jobs, economic benefits and international exposure, not just for the Gold Coast but also for Queensland.