



Speech By  
**Hon. Curtis Pitt**


**MEMBER FOR MULGRAVE**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**OneSchool, Information Technology**

 **Hon. CW PITT** (Mulgrave—ALP) (Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (10.58 am): What we just heard from the member for Caloundra is that he did not listen to the Minister for Health's ministerial statement this morning which clearly explained every aspect as it relates to the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital. That was a hospital opened under their government. They had stewardship over its opening and they just did not cut it. We have heard from the member for Caloundra, and we also heard from the member for Surfers Paradise this morning. When it comes to the OneSchool IT mess, it is all in his court. He was the ministerial equivalent of a driverless car. He was not asleep at the wheel; he was not even in the car when it came to this issue. He was nowhere to be seen and that has been made very evident.

What has also been made very evident is that the member for Surfers Paradise does not understand how the CommSec report is put together and its methodology. Given that he has not understood how the state accounts are put together, we should talk a bit about the CommSec methodology. If he paid attention, he would know that the CommSec methodology compares our economic indicators against decade-long averages.

This does not mean that it is necessarily picking up the strongest growth at this time; it looks at what is the most improving economic growth in terms of other economies, so the point has been lost on the member. The State of the States report is evaluating the state's current economic performance against its long-running benchmark about how it has performed in the past. That is important, because right now we are being benchmarked in Queensland against a very long and sustained period of economic growth—under Labor governments, mind you—at the height of the resources boom. The current CommSec ranking is not a surprise because what happened when the member for Clayfield was the Treasurer under the Newman government is that they halved economic growth in this state. They have dragged us down as a result of our past performance, and that hurts when it comes to the CommSec rating.

What does not hurt is when you look at what has happened with the state accounts and the fact that our economy is growing the fastest it has grown since 2011. That is undeniable, and what is also undeniable is when you look at our economic growth forecast for four and a half per cent this year and next year, we are going to be leading all Australian states when it comes to our economy. Even a downward revision by Deloitte Access Economics still points to the fact that Queensland will lead all states and territories when it comes to economic growth.

Mr Speaker, our economy is growing, business is confident and we are creating jobs. More than 34,500 jobs have been created since we came into government this year. This is a sign that the Queensland economy is turning the corner after not doing anything for many months and years under

the former government. If you are focusing on the domestic economy, you do not sack tens of thousands of people so they cannot spend money in their communities and you do not get rid of infrastructure. You do not have a capital works freeze. That is what those opposite did, and of course now that is coming through in some of our economic indicators. The real ones tell a different story.