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 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Science and Innovation) (9.56 am): Mr Speaker, the Palaszczuk Labor government recognises the challenges and opportunities that are facing our state in the future. That is why we are committed to reinvigorating our state's science and research sectors and building a strong innovation system to support a diverse knowledge-based economy in Queensland. This is what our \$180 million Advance Queensland program is all about: jobs now and jobs for the future.

An important part of this approach is the new Advance Queensland Expert Panel. I can announce to the House today that we have established the expert panel to guide our investment and ensure we have the most effective policies and programs in place. We have brought together an outstanding group of 16 successful leaders from across the business, research and education sectors. Among our panel members are people such as Professor Ian Frazer, who developed the Gardasil vaccine; Professor Frank Gannon from QIMR Berghofer; Wayne Gerard, CEO of Red Eye; Winna Brown from Ernst and Young; and Elaine Stead of Blue Sky Venture Capital. What we have here is the best possible mix of people to work with government to shape future innovation in Queensland.

Moving forward the expert panel will provide input and oversight for our state's science and innovation strategy and policy and Queensland's science and research priorities. They will also provide high level advice and direction for all future Advance Queensland initiatives. The experience and expertise of this panel will ensure that programs and funding provided through Advance Queensland are being effectively invested and targeted. Perhaps most importantly, the panel members are advocates and examples of Queensland's innovation strengths on the national and international stage.

We want to give Queenslanders the best chance to succeed in a highly competitive and dynamic global economy. With the new Advance Queensland Expert Panel in place we will continue to drive innovation-led growth across our state and create high-value jobs for Queenslanders. I table the full list of expert panel members.

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