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Hon. LM ENOCH (Algester—ALP) (Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Science and Innovation) (10.07 am): As Queenslanders have seen this week, the Palaszczuk government intends to be an infrastructure government. In the 21st century this also means putting the necessary digital infrastructure in place that will support the diversification of our economy as we prepare for the digital disruption of our traditional industries. It also means having the necessary digital infrastructure in place to support government service delivery with a fully integrated and secure digital radio communications network.

The Palaszczuk government is doing this through the expansion of the GWN, the government wireless network, which successfully went live earlier this week in the network expansion areas of Logan and the Gold Coast. I am happy to report to the House that the rollout of the GWN expansion was incident free. The day-to-day benefits of the GWN include automatic resource location, duress functionality and secure communication coverage in areas previously difficult or impossible to receive or transmit radio communications. The GWN is also providing a secure network using defence-grade encryption to protect against threats to information security and interception of radio transmissions.

We also know that digital government will play a critical role in the Palaszczuk government's delivery of our Advance Queensland vision. We will be using digital channels to provide information and services as well as access to data and information used in research and to provide business opportunities within the growing knowledge economy. The Palaszczuk government knows that Queenslanders want to access services online so we are determined to deliver digital government whenever and wherever possible. One example of this is the One-Stop Shop. This is a major step towards improving Queenslanders' experience of services, particularly online, to offer a single view of government rather than having to use a number of agency websites. This program is delivering real change in how customers experience government services, with 36 per cent of customers now able to do the following: access over 300 new online services, with 36 per cent of customers using these new services online at qld.gov.au; and sign up for a customer account, single login and digital proof of identification. We are also collaborating with CSIRO to develop future digital marketplace scenarios for government services out to the year 2025.

Unlike the former LNP government, which did not even have an infrastructure plan, let alone a digital infrastructure plan, the Palaszczuk government knows we are living in the 21st century. We are focused on preparing our economy and our government services to embrace potential digital disruption and make sure Queensland rides the next wave of economic development and that we have jobs now and jobs for the future.