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 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Science and Innovation) (10.24 am): At the beginning of this year when Queenslanders cast their vote to end the destructive and, thankfully, short-lived Newman LNP error, they elected the Palaszczuk Labor government with a vision to deliver the knowledge-based jobs of the future. The vision that we took to the election in January, which we are implementing with a \$180 million investment, is our Advance Queensland plan. This Labor plan is all about creating jobs by positioning our state as a place where entrepreneurs are not only welcomed but embraced. The Palaszczuk government's Advance Queensland plan places innovation at the heart of our economy to ensure Queenslanders' research and entrepreneurial ideas translate into new products, services and jobs.

Last night I had the great honour of joining the Premier and parliamentary colleagues at the first-ever Advance Queensland innovation and investment reception. The reception brought together the people behind Queensland's latest start-ups and growth businesses, with investors and members of the Advance Queensland expert panel. I was excited to talk to some of our best and brightest minds about how we position Queensland in this unprecedented era of change.

Labor's Advance Queensland plan is unashamedly about delivering jobs now and jobs for the future. How does this contrast with the way members opposite view the world? If the LNP had won the last election, there would have been no Advance Queensland plan, no investment in innovation and no recognition of Queensland's unique position in the Asia-Pacific and the tropics, which will be the epicentre of global growth in the coming decades.

**Ms Trad:** And there'd be no assets.

**Ms ENOCH:** I take that interjection; there would also have been no assets. We know there would have been no investment in innovation. If we just take a look at the 2015 state council agenda for the LNP, their state conference, we see not one item on their agenda is referencing innovation. There would certainly have been no understanding of the need for collaboration between businesses, government and our researchers despite the fact this increases the likelihood of successful innovation by upwards of 70 per cent. No, there would have been none of that.

All we have seen from the LNP since the election has been personality politics. Whilst the Palaszczuk Labor government has focused on policies to diversify our economy and create jobs through our Advance Queensland plan, the LNP is obsessed with old-fashioned political point-scoring and playing the person not the policy. Queensland has outgrown that kind of politics. The people of this state rejected that style of government, which was more focused on sacking public servants, including 950 in my own department, than on creating the jobs of the future. Since coming to government, we have restored a consultative and collaborative approach to leadership. Unlike the LNP, which seems

content to live in the past and ignore the reality of digital disruption, the Palaszczuk Labor government will stay focused on our \$180 million Advance Queensland plan to make our state an attractive investment destination with a strong innovation and entrepreneurial culture.