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 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills) (10.02 am): I am pleased to outline to the House the important contribution my Department of Education and Training will make to this government's agenda for innovation and job creation. This government is passionate about providing people with the skills and training they need to get into the workforce and build careers. As a government and through Jobs Queensland, we want to see new and innovative industries created, developed and flourish in this state. To make that happen we need the skilled and highly trained workforce to deliver modern, forward-looking economic growth. That is why we have developed and are implementing a range of training and skills initiatives.

Jobs Queensland will be a high-level industry partnership to advise the government and ensure skilling and training policies focus on the emerging and innovative jobs of the future. It will advise on current and future skills demand and long-term workforce planning to the tune of \$40 million over four years. That requires support for and commitment to skills and training and the industry connection to target it effectively.

I am also proud that our Rescuing TAFE policy will reinvest much needed funds in our important public provider. As part of our \$34 million commitment to provide important public training and skills there is \$4 million over three years that will be specifically targeted to innovative training areas.

I can advise that innovation is not limited to our universities. Our TAFE is doing great work right now in this space. I am keen to work with TAFE and other stakeholders to deliver on fresh and improved ideas. For example, on Friday in Townsville I met with them at the Pimlico site to hear about how the business community runs its emerging leaders program each year. A group of Townsville entrepreneurs are working with start-up companies and deliver workshops annually to support them in the work they do. Recently they had Steve Baxter from *Shark Tank* assist with their first workshop. TAFE Queensland continues to investigate options for a range of partnerships, seeking to grow innovation in its learning activities across the state.

Innovation means jobs. Jobs mean supporting training and development of new skills. The Palaszczuk government will work to deliver the training and the skills needed for the future through Jobs Queensland and Advance Queensland.