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### Glass House Small Business Awards

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (6.38 pm): Last week was Small Business Week here in Queensland, and in the Moreton Bay and Sunshine Coast hinterland we celebrated in style with all the glitz and the glamour of the first ever 2016 Glass House Small Business Awards, otherwise known as the 'Glassies'. I even donned the tux as I emceed the evening—mainly to impress my wife, who joined us, because she has a thing for Hugh Jackman; unfortunately, I failed dismally—to acknowledge the job that our small business owners and employees in the electorate of Glass House deliver. It is often said that Queensland thrives on the resource, agricultural or tourism industries. In reality, particularly for places like Glass House, it is the small business industry that keeps our economies going.

I want to start by thanking the major partners of the 'Glassies': firstly the CCIQ, who came on board and sponsored the trophies for the evening and gave other awards as well as a presentation on the night; Commerce Caboolture, Glasshouse Country Chamber of Commerce, Maleny Chamber of Commerce and Montville Chamber of Commerce; and our major sponsors Spicers, Maleny Mountain Wines, *Glasshouse Country and Maleny News* and the *Hinterland Times*. Most of all I want to acknowledge the nominees in each of the categories, and especially the bronze, silver and gold 'Glassie' winners.

In the Palmwoods region the business category bronze winner was Nprint and the silver winner was 5, 6, 7, 8 Performing Arts. The employee bronze winner was Wendy Dangerfield from the Compass Institute and the silver winner was Sophie O'Sullivan from 5, 6, 7, 8 Performing Arts. In Montville, it was the Clock Shop with bronze and the Montville Cafe Bar and Grill with silver. In the employee category, Jessica Mitchell from Elements of Montville picked up the bronze and Christie Smith from fudgyboombahs picked up silver. In Maleny, Maleny Cheese took out the bronze and Rosetta Books took out the silver. In the employee category, Liam Kimball from Maleny Credit Union won the bronze and Sharon Schofield from Easton Lawyers won the silver.

In the Glass House Mountains region, the bronze business winner was Pasta d'Vine and the silver winner was Glasshouse Country Meats. In the employee category, Kylie Heading from Beerwah Hair and Beauty was the bronze winner and Jodie Pember from the Glass House IGA was the silver winner. In the D'Aguilar region, Mobile Daily Grind picked up the bronze and Adventure Alternatives the silver. Janet Ellis-Smith from Woodford Family Medical Centre won the bronze and Terry Ward from Ray White Wamuran won the silver.

In the end, it came down to the 'Gold Glassies'. The business winner was Concept IT, a fantastic IT product and service deliverer in Maleny and across the Blackall Range who have since expanded into the coffee shop realm. The employee nomination was Jodie Pember, the ever-excitable IGA worker at Glass House Mountains. The awards were a huge success. There was a wonderful turnout of 150 on the evening. We will certainly be back next year for round 2 of the 'Glassies'.