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Queen's Birthday

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.38 am): On behalf of members of parliament I pay tribute today to Her Majesty the Queen, who has reached another milestone—her 90th birthday. On behalf of all Queenslanders I wish the Queen many happy returns and our very best wishes for her special day and celebrations.

Over successive generations the Queen has been an inspiration for many Australians who admire and hold her in such high regard. Her Majesty has been a regular and welcomed visitor to our great state—the state of Queensland.

Her Majesty has been a part of some of the most significant moments in our history: the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane in 1982, Expo 88 in Brisbane and the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame in Longreach, CHOGM at Coolumb, the opening of the Roma Street Parklands and, of course, her heartfelt visit in 2011 in the aftermath of our devastating floods. What an honour it would be for Queensland if Her Majesty were to open our next Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in 2018.

Her Majesty continues to devote her life to public duty and service. In that regard, she is a dignified example to all of us. Throughout her remarkable reign, she had made an extraordinary contribution to the peoples of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth during times of enormous social change and, dare I say, some political change. Her Majesty has ruled longer than any other monarch in British history. There have been 13 premiers of Queensland under her reign.

I confirm that, following a request from the Governor, His Excellency the Hon. Paul de Jersey, the life-size statue of Her Majesty will move from Queen's Place to a new permanent home at Government House. The statue's relocation next month comes ahead of the \$3 billion Queen's Wharf project. The bronze statue, which is acknowledged as a remarkable likeness of the Queen aged in her 50s, will be in place at Government House in time for public Queensland Day celebrations in early June.

I wish Her Majesty a wonderful birthday that hopefully will be spent with family and friends. I move—

That the House take note of the statement.