



Speech By  
**Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk**


**MEMBER FOR INALA**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS**

### **Budget, Jobs**

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.33 am): My government has delivered a responsible and measured budget this week. My government has delivered a budget that aims to grow jobs and boost economic activity across the state. Next week ministers will be travelling across the state to promote key initiatives in our budget to increase jobs. Key among those initiatives are the two-year \$100 million Back to Work regional employment package, the increased First Home Owner's Grant and the expanded Advance Queensland program, now valued at \$405 million. These are programs where my government will work with Queenslanders. These are programs where my government is partnering with Queensland businesses, prospective home owners and innovators.

My government works with Queenslanders. My government knows that Queensland's potential is enormous and that our greatest resource is the people of Queensland—their talents, their expertise and their ideas. My government will be actively promoting these programs to drive uptake and maximise returns to Queenslanders. I thank my ministers for their efforts in working with the Treasurer to frame the budget. I thank them in advance for going back out to Queenslanders next week to promote these programs and get Queenslanders involved in them.

My message to Queenslanders is simple: apply for these programs. Make these programs work for you and your businesses. Help us make these programs work for Queensland. More than 50,000 new jobs have been created since January last year. We can generate more jobs for Queenslanders. We can increase the opportunities for work for Queenslanders.