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Smith Family Christmas Appeal

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (10.19 am): With the Christmas season upon us, our focus starts to turn to the excitement of celebrating with our family and friends, many of us looking to the new year ahead and what it may hold, but we also know that for some Queenslanders it can be a difficult and stressful time of the year. Christmas brings added financial pressure, particularly for those families who are already struggling to make ends meet in purchasing day-to-day needs, including food and clothing and schoolbooks for their children.

Often it is the unwavering commitment of charities such as the Smith Family that helps those in need and supports their families at Christmas time. I am pleased to announce that my government will continue to support the Smith Family and will provide a donation of \$100,000 to support its work with families most in need this Christmas. We all know that little can go a long way, so this Christmas I encourage everyone, including every member of this House, to consider what support they can give, whether big or small, to help bring joy to struggling families and to bring a bit of cheer to their children this festive season.