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Premier of Queensland's Export Award

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (10.13 am): Recently we have witnessed some of the more disgraceful faux pas from this Palaszczuk government. There have been a few. The Premier could not even be bothered to attend her own trade awards. They are called the Premier of Queensland's Export Awards and the Premier did not even bother to attend. One would think that there would be someone else over on that side of the chamber who could be bothered to attend the Premier's export awards recognising some amazing businesses across Queensland. Obviously that other person would be the trade minister; however, the current trade minister also could not be bothered to attend the Premier's trade awards. Here we have the Premier and the Deputy Premier, who happens to be the trade minister, not even bothering to attend. What a snub for all of those good businesses across Queensland. It just goes to show their clear contempt to any form of business across Queensland.

The LNP has always recognised the importance of export and small business right across Queensland. A great local business from Kingaroy, Access Innovations, were semi-finalists. More importantly I think, one of the actual winners of the award, a South Brisbane business, Cutting Edge, a leading film and TV digital business—and Labor Party fan—would have loved to have had their award presented to them by the Premier or at least by the Deputy Premier, their local member, but she was not there. Minister Lynham, the nice guy of the Labor Party, was sent in to present the awards.

That brings me to a very successful trade mission led by TSBE, the Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise, the first ever private trade mission out of Queensland, with some 200 good local businesses from all across Queensland showcasing agriculture and primary production across Queensland. We need to congratulate Shane Charles from TSBE and the Wagner family from Wagners' airport who also sent off the first commercial flight out of that airport with over 200 delegates, a highly successful trade mission showcasing businesses such as Kialla Pure Foods, Sunnyspot Packhouse, Australian beef exporters, PB Agrifood and the Australian Mungbean Company to name just a few. They know that it is only the LNP that will support export businesses here in Queensland.