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 **Ms LINARD** (Nudgee—ALP) (2.39 pm): It is a pleasure to have this opportunity to update the House on some recent events in my electorate. Earlier this month, the Treasurer was once again guest speaker at my second annual Nudgee business breakfast, which was attended by local businesspeople and community members. It was wonderful to have a room full of businesses as diverse as the business and industry profile of the electorate. The Treasurer outlined the Palaszczuk government's second budget—a budget firmly focused on job creation through innovation, investment and infrastructure. These breakfasts continue to provide an opportunity to connect local businesses and inform them of opportunities to grow their businesses under our government's Advance Queensland innovation agenda. While in the electorate the Treasurer took the opportunity to visit an exciting innovative business, Sanofi Consumer Healthcare, to talk about its \$5 million expansion on top of a previous \$30 million investment at Virginia. That is locally made product and local jobs.

Following my business breakfast, I was proud to welcome the Premier and the education minister at Virginia State School, my former primary school, to announce Queensland's strong NAPLAN results. Since the beginning of NAPLAN testing in 2008, Queensland schools have demonstrated one of the greatest improvements of any jurisdiction. Compared with last year, we have improved in 15 out of 20 test areas in student performance in meeting the national minimum standard. Successive Labor governments have championed education reforms, including universal access to kindy and the introduction of the full-time prep year. The strong improvement that we are seeing, particularly in the early years, shows that our education reforms and investment in extra teachers are delivering results.

Last Friday, it was a pleasure to again welcome the Premier to the electorate to celebrate the St Joseph's Nudgee College Stella Fella Bow Tie event, where students wear a bow tie to show their opposition to violence against women and human trafficking. The transport minister and member for Sandgate and the councillor for Deagon also joined us to support the event. I commend those young Nudgee College men who participated for taking a leading role against violence, discriminatory attitudes and behaviours towards women.

Recently, the Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Shannon Fentiman, also visited my electorate to officially open Wellspring, Zillmere, along with Micah Projects. The service will provide vital support to women and children escaping domestic violence in a safe and private space. I thank the minister for the investment in the Nudgee electorate.

Now, 18 months after our election, we are continuing to deliver on the promises that we made to Queenslanders—promises to diversify our economy through our nation-leading Advance Queensland innovation agenda; a promise to invest in front-line services, including our teachers and a commitment to tackle the impact of domestic and family violence across our community. We know that there is more work to do and we will work without exception to deliver on the promises that we made to the Queensland public.