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## ADJOURNMENT

### Nudgee Electorate

 **Ms LINARD** (Nudgee—ALP) (11.59 pm): It is a pleasure to have this opportunity to update the House on some recent events in my electorate. Last month the Treasurer attended my third annual Nudgee business breakfast as the special guest speaker. It was wonderful once again this year to have a room full of local businesses and community groups as diverse as the business and industry profile of the electorate.

The Treasurer outlined the Palaszczuk government's third budget—a budget firmly focused on job creation, on building the infrastructure that Queensland needs to keep moving ahead and on delivering the vital services Queenslanders deserve. I take this opportunity to again thank the Treasurer for attending this annual event which continues to grow year on year.

I also had the pleasure last week of hosting a meeting with education minister, Kate Jones, and principals from across both state and Catholic primary and high schools in my electorate. The minister provided principals with an update on what is happening across education in Queensland, but importantly sought their feedback and their input on key policy initiatives. Who could possibly know more or better than the very people leading the delivery of education and services in our schools each and every day? The minister spoke at the meeting of her deep commitment and the commitment of this government to continue to improve education outcomes for every child and to support our hardworking teachers.

A Labor government will always prioritise education because we know it has the power to change lives and create opportunity. We are focused on more teachers in our classrooms, better school facilities and more classrooms where and when we need them. Since we were elected we have employed 3,400 new teachers, including 875 above enrolment growth.

We are building new schools to meet growth and we are investing in our existing schools. Some \$200 million is being spent to fast-track 98 school projects, new halls and hall upgrades, including in my own electorate at Wavell State High School. We are delivering more guidance officers as part of our supporting students election commitment, including at my former high school, Earnshaw State College. We are investing over \$138 million to provide dedicated IT support in state schools, something regularly raised by local principals in my electorate. We are employing STEM specialists in primary schools and we are investing in our teachers—\$150 million to support teacher leadership.

As I said in my inaugural speech, children deserve the very best education. It is the single greatest investment we make as parents in our children and as policymakers in the citizens of this state. I will always stand up for my local schools, for my local principals and for my local families. I am proud to be a member of a Labor state government that will always stand up for the very best educational outcomes, facilities and support for teachers to ensure that every child benefits from a quality education across our vast state.