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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (10.24 am): Last Friday the Premier and I attended the launch of Boeing's Queensland based Advanced Autonomous Systems Development Program. The decision by Boeing Defence Australia to expand its Brisbane base has consolidated Queensland as a defence and aviation powerhouse and a world leader in autonomous and unmanned aerial systems research while creating 131 new jobs.

According to Boeing, this project alone will generate \$136 million in economic benefit to our state. The state government's support, through my department and the Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund, was integral to Boeing's decision to choose our state over competing locations for the growing billion-dollar autonomous vehicles market.

I am pleased to advise the House that Brisbane will be home to Boeing's largest advanced autonomous program outside the United States. New and upgraded autonomous and unmanned products and services will be developed in Queensland for a range of applications for the global market, supporting more technical and specialist jobs in our state including software and systems engineers.

These jobs are on top of Boeing's 1,285-strong Queensland workforce currently based at Brisbane, Amberley and Oakey. The new high-tech jobs created will directly benefit Queensland's small to medium enterprises that service the aerospace, advanced manufacturing, defence and mining equipment, technology and services sectors. It will put Queensland companies in the box seat to take advantage of emerging opportunities across Australia and around the world.

Boeing's decision to expand its Queensland operations is the ninth project attracted to Queensland through the \$65 million Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund, which forms part of our \$513 million Advance Queensland program. These nine projects will generate more than 580 jobs and more than a quarter of a billion dollars in capital expenditure for Queensland in the next five years. Our ongoing partnership with Boeing is yet another sign of an economy in full flight, powering new and better jobs and fuelled by a government that has the policy settings right.