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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (9.58 am): I want to begin my ministerial statement by associating myself with the comments made by the Premier, the Deputy Premier, the Minister for Innovation and Tourism Industry Development and Minister for the Commonwealth Games, and you, Mr Speaker, about the late Terry Mackenroth. As today's editorial of the *Courier-Mail* states—

He made a mark, stood by what he achieved and what he set out to do.

Terry was a great champion of the Australian Labor Party, Queensland, the south side of Brisbane and the mighty Easts Tigers Rugby League club. I know the thoughts of all honourable members are with Mary and Terry's family today.

The Commonwealth Games may be over, but Queensland will keep on winning. The Palaszczuk government is delivering the dividend of the games with more jobs, more investment and more opportunities as we drive home the trade opportunities that come from the 21st Commonwealth Games. That is why, at the conclusion of the games, the Premier asked me to travel to London to represent her at the Commonwealth Business Forum from 15 April. I was there representing Queensland, the only Australian state to have representation at the Commonwealth Business Forum.

That meant Queensland had a clear run to make a pitch for a bigger slice of Commonwealth trade, which is predicted to be valued at US\$1 trillion by 2020. My message to the senior business leaders from around the Commonwealth was clear: Queensland is open for business and we are primed to partner with them.

What was absolutely clear from the 800 business leaders who gathered there was that they were so impressed with Queensland's conduct of the games. My response to them was that this is just the start. I delivered that message to the United Kingdom business leaders by hosting a high-level round table that brought together key British business and industry leaders interested in two-way trade and investment opportunities between Queensland and the United Kingdom. This was an important opportunity to support Queenslanders doing business in the United Kingdom and hear from great Queenslanders like Leanne Kemp, founder and CEO of the company Everledger.

From London I travelled to Germany to discuss further opportunities for Queensland business to join Rheinmetall's global supply chain in support of Land 400, other Australian defence projects and their broader export plans. One thing is clear to me: the 450 jobs that are locked in with Rheinmetall for Land 400 are just the beginning. We are looking at major opportunities for export and in the broader supply chain and that means more jobs for Queenslanders.

I also had the opportunity to meet key leaders from the world's leading applied research organisation, the Fraunhofer institute, to discuss the future of advanced manufacturing, fuelling our government's focus on exploring and delivering new manufacturing jobs across Queensland. I topped off my trip by attending the Global Bioeconomy Summit, where I promoted Queensland as Australia's bioeconomy leader to the world market.

One thing is clear: the Commonwealth Games, brought to Queensland by Labor and successfully delivered by Labor, are the catalyst for a new decade of optimism and opportunity for our state and the Palaszczuk government is going to make sure Queensland keeps on winning.