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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (9.44 am): The Palaszczuk government is a government that backs business. We stand for enterprise and the jobs that come from delivering on a policy agenda that drives optimism and opportunity for Queensland—and that is what this budget does. It is a Labor budget, the next chapter in an ongoing narrative that has confidence and investment at its heart.

As the Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning, I am delighted by the additional funding allocated in the budget by the Treasurer to the Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund. The extra \$40 million over the next two years will help keep Queensland growing, as we continue to build on our success in attracting companies from around the country, and around the world, to establish job-creating operations in Queensland. This investment will build on the fund's achievements to date, with nine projects already attracted to Queensland expected to create more than 580 jobs and over a quarter of a billion dollars in additional capital investment.

Boeing, after a worldwide search, has chosen to locate the development and testing of its autonomous drones here because of our industry incentives. The Qantas Dreamliners are being based in Brisbane because of our industry incentives. Swickers is staying in Kingaroy, and expanding, because of our industry incentives. Last week, we provided funding to a 60-year-old Queensland family company—Pixie Ice cream in Toowoomba—to help drive their expansion into the North America and Asia-Pacific markets.

We know the Leader of the Opposition was quick to support the Land 400 phase 2 project, the Boxer combat reconnaissance vehicle, coming to Queensland—well, at least she was after it was announced we were getting it. Mr Speaker, why do you think a German company, Rheinmetall, is choosing to build the Boxer combat reconnaissance vehicles in Queensland? It is because of the industry support provided by the Queensland government that helped it make that decision. The 450 jobs the Land 400 project will bring would have gone to Victoria if we adopted the approach of the LNP and refused to provide industry incentives to international companies, including building the new Military Vehicle Centre of Excellence for Asia-Pacific that will be built in Queensland.

The Land 400 phase 2 is a \$5 billion project. The Land 400 phase 3 is a \$15 billion project. If we do not offer these supports to these companies, we can forget about their investments and the jobs they bring—including international companies. The Palaszczuk government will always fight other states and other countries for jobs for Queenslanders, and this budget gives us the firepower to do just that.