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## PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

### Jobs

 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (2.46 pm): When the government works with business and the private sector, jobs are created. That is exactly what the Palaszczuk Labor government is all about. We get numbers like 177,500 new jobs being created and exports increasing by 70 per cent since 2014. I would like to say well done to Minister Furner on the Growing Queensland's Food Exports program. I would also like to congratulate Minister Dick on regional jobs and growth. No doubt that contributed to that 70 per cent growth.

I will tell the House what numbers we do not get. We do not get 14,000 Public Service jobs cut from our community. We do not get thousands of families damaged and thousands of small businesses losing customers. Really nothing has changed. The Leader of the Opposition was part of that carnage then and she leads the same team now with the same approach.

On this side of the House we understand the importance of working with business, not picking stupid fights. I remain committed to creating more local jobs in my community. I am glad our side is led by a Premier who is keeping her promise to all Queenslanders to create jobs. I am pleased that in this year's budget we extended the payroll tax rebates for taking on apprentices. We have seen a significant number of apprentices taken on under that scheme. I am glad the Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund was also increased.

There are so many examples of the Palaszczuk government working with the private sector to create jobs. The Land 400 Rheinmetall project is creating sustainable jobs, high-skilled jobs and long-term jobs in Ipswich. That is good for Ipswich, it is good for Queensland and it is certainly good for the electorate of Greenslopes.

I would like to acknowledge the great work of Minister Fentiman and Minister Jones. There is so much good work being done in their portfolios. I have seen small business, digital innovation and entrepreneurship grants in action in my electorate. I think about Steve from Wil-Tow whom I met a few months ago. He is using that grant to change his cash flow, grow his business and employ more people.

I recently met with Tim O'Brien. He had a start-up in my electorate called RaffleTix. He said that Queensland is the best place in Australia to do business as a start-up. The amount of support is extraordinary and the breadth of opportunity is fantastic. I know Minister Fentiman is really excited about the Advancing Women in Business program. We need to get more women into business. We already have a third of Australian businesses owned by women. I know that several businesses in my electorate have applied for that.

I remain committed to creating local jobs. I am proud to be part of a government that is committed to creating jobs. I understand that, when you create jobs, you create dignity for people, you improve quality of life and you build community. That is why I am proud to be part of the Palaszczuk Labor government that is committed to creating jobs and building our community.