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## **PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

### **Nudgee Business Breakfast**

 **Ms LINARD** (Nudgee—ALP) (2.33 pm): The Nudgee electorate is home to a dynamic mix of industrial, retail and professional service precincts. Only 15 kilometres from the city and highly serviced by public transport, a domestic and international airport, major arterials, a national university campus and precious green space, it is not surprising that people want to live as well as work in the Nudgee electorate.

It was a pleasure recently to welcome the Deputy Premier and Treasurer, Jackie Trad, as special guest speaker at my fourth annual Nudgee Business Breakfast. With over 100 attendees in the room—from small businesses to multinationals, from major food manufacturers to Supercars—the diversity of businesses present was reflective of the diverse business and industry profile of my electorate. The breakfast provides an opportunity each year to bring together my local business community and government in shared dialogue regarding this government's economic priorities and how those priorities can translate into local opportunities and, equally, to create an opportunity for local business, industry and community organisations to network and make local connections. It was wonderful to hear following the breakfast of a number of new industry partnerships being pursued as a result of the relationships formed. I will follow the outcomes of those discussions with interest.

The Deputy Premier and Treasurer provided attendees with an overview of the Palaszczuk government's fourth budget—a budget firmly focused on the future, about delivering the infrastructure, skills and services required to both equip and enable Queensland business—indeed all Queenslanders—to share in the prosperity generated by a growing and changing Queensland. The Treasurer provided not only a macro perspective but also a particularly relevant focus on support for small business and advanced manufacturing—support such as \$123 million to back our entrepreneurs, funding industry research fellowships and helping small to medium businesses innovate, grow and create jobs; an extension to the Business Development Fund of \$40 million over the next two years; a further \$180 million in the Skilling Queenslanders for Work program to deliver more training opportunities and workforce participation; and an extension of the 50 per cent payroll tax rebate scheme to June 2019 to support up to 26,000 apprentices and trainees. All this is directed towards supporting Queensland businesses to grow, create jobs and boost Queensland's economy.

Building the productive capacity and resilience of our state's traditional and emerging industries remains a critical focus for our government. My electorate has large areas of manufacturing in Banyo, Northgate, Virginia and Geebung, ranging from broad based to advanced manufacturing. The Treasurer spoke to our advanced manufacturing 10-year road map to grow the manufacturing industry and ensure it continues to be a driver of innovation and productivity across our economy. This road map of course closely aligns with our \$40 million statewide Made in Queensland program dedicated to supporting Queensland's manufacturing industry.

I take this opportunity to again thank the Deputy Premier and Treasurer for attending my annual business breakfast, which continues to grow year on year. I was very proud to show off my local industry and business community to the Treasurer, who was tremendously warm and approachable and generous with her time and support for me personally.