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ADJOURNMENT

Caboolture Hospital

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (7.08 pm): I would like to talk about a wonderful milestone for our local hospital in the Caboolture region—the Caboolture Hospital. On 25 October this year the Caboolture Hospital celebrated its 25th anniversary, a great celebration of 25 years of outstanding service to the people of the Caboolture region and beyond. It is really important to pay tribute to our hospital and, of course, the people who make our hospital the outstanding place that it is. There are over 1,100 staff at the Caboolture Hospital now. About 600 of those are nurses and midwives, and that number continues to grow. In the last financial year, the hospital saw more than 31,000 patient admissions. They had 53,000 emergency department presentations, 7,500 surgical operations and almost 100,000 specialist outpatient appointments for adults and children.

The wonderful thing about our hospital is, of course, the people: the nurses, the doctors, the allied health professionals, the wardies and the administration staff—everyone who supports the delivery of high-quality health care for our community. I was really pleased to join with the member for Glass House and other community representatives at the recent hospital auxiliary AGM to pay tribute to their support of our hospital. The hospital auxiliary predates the hospital. It is a unique situation because it was the hospital auxiliary that was part of a community campaign over 25 years ago to get a hospital in Caboolture. It was the Goss Labor government that delivered that hospital and Labor governments over the last 25 years which have invested in that hospital. I am really excited that our Palaszczuk Labor government will be investing further in our hospital in an expanded emergency department with construction starting early next year.

We have recently opened the new outpatient facility, a \$7 million facility that is already providing outstanding enhanced services to the people of the Caboolture region. The detailed design work for the \$253 million redevelopment of the Caboolture Hospital will start early next year. This is an exciting time for the Caboolture region. It is an exciting time for the Caboolture Hospital. I wanted to place on record once again my admiration and thanks to all the staff at the Caboolture Hospital for what they do for our community. They are true heroes of our community. I really appreciate everything they do to provide high-quality healthcare services to local people.