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 **Mr RUSSO** (Toohey—ALP) (7.16 pm): I take this opportunity to talk about events that have been occurring in my electorate. I would like to talk about the mid-autumn festival and gala concert that was held at SunPAC last Friday night, 14 September. On display was local talent, with some of the talent and dancers on their way to China to participate in the talent contest *China's Got Talent*.

The mid-autumn festivals are a really big part of what happens in my community. The member for Stretton and the member for Mansfield have also had the pleasure of participating in the mid-autumn festivals. Basically, the mid-autumn festival is a reunion. The people of my community place a heavy emphasis on these festivals, because they are a gathering of family and friends.

They are also a big part of what also will be occurring next weekend in my electorate—and I am sure I will again run into the member for Stretton and the member for Mansfield at this event. One of the wonderful things that comes with the mid-autumn festival is mooncakes. Although I must admit that they may not be everyone's favourite food, they are exchanged between people who attend these functions.

On Saturday we had the opportunity to see the second Australia-China International Photography Festival here at Parliament House. Unfortunately, the event was held on a Saturday, so members did not get the opportunity to see the great photographs that were on display. This is the second time the photography festival has been held but the first time it has been held at Parliament House. The photography festival included exhibitors from throughout the world. Not only were there local people displaying their talents but also people from China had sent some of their photos to be displayed. There was one cheeky exhibitor who actually had a photo of the Opera House and had managed, through digital enhancement, to have the Opera House in red.