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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (9.45 am): The Palaszczuk Labor government's fifth budget will drive the ongoing development of our state, with more and better jobs across Queensland, particularly regional Queensland. Our government is supporting regional infrastructure through our Building our Regions program, encouraging private sector investment through the Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund and our Jobs and Regional Growth Fund, and driving innovation in manufacturing with our Made in Queensland program. Most importantly, all of these funds are creating new jobs for Queenslanders. Over 5,000 long-term jobs have been created through these programs so far.

In this budget, Building our Regions round 5 will receive \$70 million over four years. In partnership with regional councils, Building our Regions will continue to fund critical infrastructure projects that have so far championed 223 projects and supported 2,419 jobs.

Our Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund will receive an additional \$45 million, bringing total funding under that program to \$150 million. Incentives that encourage projects to relocate or expand in Queensland have supported 14 projects, resulting in over 1,000 direct jobs and attracting more than \$360 million in private investment over the next five years. With success stories like the Qantas regional pilot training academy and Boeing's autonomous systems development program, this program is delivering on the advantages a Queensland location offers to business.

The Jobs and Regional Growth Fund will be able to assist more job-creating projects, with an additional \$25 million bringing the total fund to \$175 million. The 17 projects supported so far have created almost 1,000 operational jobs and have leveraged \$490 million in capital investment in regional Queensland. A great example is Hawker Pacific in Cairns. Since the member for Cairns and I opened its expanded aircraft maintenance hangar last November, 38 highly skilled jobs and apprenticeships have been created.

Our \$40 million Made in Queensland program will receive an extra \$6 million to continue supporting small and medium sized manufacturers. The first two rounds of Made in Queensland are expected to create more than 1,000 new jobs over the next five years. More than 173,000 Queenslanders work in manufacturing, and our government is proud to support innovative manufacturing enterprises to become more competitive, particularly businesses in regional Queensland.

These programs did not exist under the former Newman LNP government and these programs have not been supported by those opposite. As the budget shows, only Labor will deliver these vital programs and only Labor will create jobs, encourage investment and build a stronger Queensland.