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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Jobs

 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (2.57 pm): One of the challenges of speaking last is that sometimes one's thunder is stolen. When I was going to talk about jobs created by the Palaszczuk Labor government, I thought that thunder might have been stolen by someone on this side of the House. I am sad to say that the member for Condamine beat me to the punch by delivering a speech about all the jobs created by the Palaszczuk Labor government. Come on over, member for Condamine. The member can be part of a government that has as its No. 1 priority the creation of jobs. We all know that the mercifully short-lived Newman government also had jobs as a priority but that its priority was different—it got rid of jobs and certainly did not create them.

I like to start my days paying careful attention to ministerial statements. I encourage all members of the House to do that, because they will learn many things about how to create jobs. The member for Condamine outlined many of those issues, but when 192,000 jobs were created since our election there is much to talk about. I am sad that today I have only a few minutes to do so.

The Premier and the Minister for State Development outlined our commitment to the resources sector and to projects like the Olive Downs project. Not only are those projects creating jobs thanks to laws passed by the Palaszczuk Labor government but they also create local jobs in local communities. As a proud trade unionist, I always will be proud of that achievement.

The minister for tourism outlined \$10 million spent over 15 outback tourism infrastructure projects, creating jobs in outback Queensland. I thought the 'champions of the bush' would have come in here and recited some poetry about that, but they have been mercifully silent. The reality is that they will leave the hard work of creating jobs to this side of the House.

I turn to the Health portfolio. Recently I went to the Queensland study day for the Australian Rehabilitation Nurses' Association. Even there, as we got a briefing on the STARS program at Herston, they were talking about the jobs we were creating. I turn to the Education portfolio. There are 13 new schools and 2,000 more classrooms than there were four years ago. This is creating more jobs. I have met the people who have benefited from Skilling Queenslanders for Work in my electorate. I refer to the cruise terminal near the electorate of Lytton. This will result in construction phase jobs and ongoing jobs.

There is just so much to speak about. Elvis has entered the building and has brought 900 jobs with him. There is so much happening. I could spend another five, 10, 15 or 20 minutes—even a couple of hours—speaking about the jobs being created by the Palaszczuk Labor government. I committed to the people of my electorate to create jobs. When you create jobs anywhere in Queensland it is good for all Queenslanders.