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 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (3.12 pm): It is unbelievable that the member for Moggill cannot mention the underspend in the federal budget in terms of people with a disability. Those who heard that speech, knowing that that was not mentioned, know that it must undermine everything that he said on this issue. Every Queenslander knows that the Palaszczuk Labor government is all about job creation, about creating jobs and educating Queenslanders, especially young Queenslanders, for jobs for the future. In a growing area like Logan, that means delivering new classrooms for a growing population of eager students. Labor is delivering new classrooms and the jobs that come with constructing them.

In Logan Village, the former education minister delivered the fantastic news of a two-storey six-classroom block, and we visited it together when we opened it. The two-storey building creates a significant undercroft for play, especially on hot and wet days. We know that the jobs of the future are in sciences and technology, and that is why we are supporting jobs now and future jobs through the state-of-the-art STEM learning space and extra classroom at the Park Ridge State High School.

We know that there should be jobs for all Queenslanders, from the highest academic achiever to those who struggle even with literacy and numeracy. We are supporting students with special needs with a state-of-the-art special needs classroom block, the Jude Fox Centre, at Flagstone State Community College. In Yarrabilba we saw the demand and we designed and built the fantastic new Yarrabilba State School in record time. The design was so strong that now there are 688 students at the school and that builders immediately moved over to stage 2 of the school, building the co-located health hub with the fantastic new principal, Lee Harrex. I did not stop there: I pushed very hard to continue to start construction of a new high school which opens next year, ensuring Yarrabilba primary school students of today can go through their entire education in their own community.

Our investment in school classrooms is supporting jobs for Logan tradies, for Logan suppliers. There are jobs for today, and they are building the classroom to create the jobs of tomorrow. With such growth in southern Logan we would expect similar investment in classroom and teachers under an LNP government, but I am sorry to say that there was no investment in education under the LNP for classrooms. The cuts and sell-offs that are the identity of the LNP hurt growing areas the most. The LNP did not build a single classroom and did not indicate in its budget that it intended to build any in the following years. Labor invests in education and jobs—jobs now and of course construction jobs for the future through quality school and teaching.