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Kerry Foods

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Investment) (9.45 am): The Palaszczuk government's drive to attract more company headquarters and jobs to Queensland is paying off. Leading food manufacturer Kerry has just announced the relocation of its Australia-New Zealand headquarters from Sydney to Brisbane, creating 55 new Queensland jobs.

The name Kerry Foods may not be familiar to many Queenslanders, but its tastes and flavours certainly are. In fact, chances are that by the end of today many Queenslanders have eaten something containing a Kerry flavour. Kerry Foods Australia is part of the Irish based Kerry Group, a global leader in taste and nutrition solutions for the food and beverage industry, with a market reach that extends to up to one billion consumers each day. The company employs 26,000 staff worldwide, so its growth in our state is a huge deal and something we are very excited about.

Along with its relocation, Kerry Foods has also established a \$2½ million technology and innovation centre at its site in Murarrie. This will help Kerry develop new products locally and achieve its goal of reaching two billion people globally. In addition to the 55 new jobs and 190 current jobs maintained, this new facility will also create ongoing employment opportunities for graduates from local universities through the Kerry graduate program. This increases Queensland's chances of retaining more workforce talent at home while helping to attract new people to STEM jobs and other associated disciplines.

All of this is a direct result of support provided through the Palaszczuk government's \$150 million Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund. Labor is invested in Queensland and invested in Queensland jobs. Having a company like Kerry, with its regional base, established in Queensland takes our state's role as a food producer and processor to the next level and securing major investments like this tells other companies loud and clear that Queensland is the place to be and the place to do business.