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Manufacturing Industry

 **Hon. GJ BUTCHER** (Gladstone—ALP) (Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water) (10.07 am): Once again the Palaszczuk government is delivering Queensland's plan for economic recovery and setting Queensland up for the future by investing in small and medium sized manufacturers. We are helping to transform their businesses and create jobs in this state, rebounding our economy. Today we are announcing another \$15.5 million on offer through round 4 of our Made in Queensland grants program—that is \$61.5 million since 2017—to help our manufacturers become more internationally competitive by adopting innovative processes and technologies. Through the first three rounds we are supporting 84 advanced manufacturing projects generating over 1,100 new jobs and underpinning \$100 million in private sector investment in Queensland. With this new infusion we are going to see those numbers, and certainly future opportunities, grow even further.

Grants between \$50,000 and \$2.5 million are available to those eligible manufacturers operating right here in Queensland. In previous rounds that grant has had to be matched fifty-fifty by the applicant, but this time we have something special for regional manufacturers. So far, 40 per cent of Made in Queensland projects are being delivered in regional Queensland. As Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and a qualified fitter and turner by trade, I want to see that percentage grow. That is why MIQ round 4 eligible regional manufacturers can get up to 75 per cent of their costs covered for projects to the value of \$500,000. Because I want Queensland to be Australia's premier manufacturing state, the program also supports creating and bringing manufacturing activity back into Queensland.

If you are a manufacturer thinking about reshoring or onshoring manufacturing activities which can create jobs and grow our economy here in Queensland, we want you here. This is a grant program with a proven success rate. It is one that is helping Queensland businesses to become more productive, to grow, to innovate and to create knowledge based jobs for our future opportunities. They are jobs for the future, and they are being created thanks to this government's support for the manufacturing industry in Queensland. Interested manufacturers should visit my department's website to learn more and to make their applications. I am proud to be part of the Palaszczuk government's team delivering Queensland's plan for economic recovery, setting up Queensland's future and Queensland's future in manufacturing.