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 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algeester—ALP) (Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts) (10.09 am): The Queensland government's Check In Qld app continues to be a success, with more than five million downloads and over 752 million check-ins since its inception. Key to Queensland's economic recovery is, of course, vaccinations and, with borders set to open in just a few weeks time, mandates will be in place requiring proof of vaccination at some businesses and locations. To make it easier for businesses and Queenslanders, you can now link your COVID-19 digital vaccination certificate to the Check In Qld app. Well done, Mr Speaker. I am very pleased to see that.

Ms Palaszczuk: I've done mine too.

Ms ENOCH: Well done, Premier. This allows Queenslanders to show proof of vaccination and check in simultaneously at businesses and locations across the state. Fully vaccinated Queenslanders can now link their COVID-19 digital certificate from their Medicare Express Plus app or their MyGov website to the Check In Qld app with just a few steps.

More than 820,000 Queenslanders have now already successfully downloaded their COVID-19 vaccination certificates to the Check In Qld app—the Premier amongst them. The federal government also allows a COVID-19 vaccination certificate to be downloaded to your smartphone using your Apple Wallet or Google Pay. Alternatively, provision of a printed copy of your immunisation history statement can also be used. Being vaccinated against COVID-19 gives us the best chance of keeping our communities safe and helping us get back to doing more of the things we enjoy.

From 17 December, it will be a requirement to show proof of vaccination at a number of mandated businesses and locations including pubs and clubs, music festivals and entertainment venues. On Sunday I visited the Queensland Performing Arts Centre, where QPAC chief executive John Kotzas spoke of how the centre was ready for these changes and how linking COVID-19 digital certificates to the Check In Qld app would make it easier for them to verify vaccination information for patrons at upcoming productions such as the shake & stir theatre co.'s *A Christmas Carol*. As this production will run from 2 to 24 December, patrons will need to be fully vaccinated to experience this holiday favourite during the production's final week.

I am so pleased by the commitment of QPAC, the arts and cultural sector and of course the support of all Queenslanders who rolled up their sleeves and got vaccinated. It has also been fantastic to see businesses right across our state embrace the Check In Qld app and support our COVID-19 recovery effort. I encourage everyone to upgrade to the latest version of the Check In Qld app and download their COVID-19 vaccination certificate to get their green tick. Of course, if you have not already got your vaccination, now is the time to go and get it.