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 **Mr HUNT** (Caloundra—ALP) (7.28 pm): If you have not seen the super talented Caloundra State High School student Aimee Trego dance classical ballet dressed as a pirate queen, you really are letting life pass you by. The Caloundra State High School Edge dancers have put on another performing arts spectacular. Under the guidance of staff Anita Hounslow, Fiona Royter and Amber Williams, and with the help of choreographer Paige Wharton, the Edge dancers have had a hugely successful competition at the Dance X Championships that included schools competing from all over Queensland.

With the incredibly talented dance captains, Camille Flaherty, Ava-Ling David and Zerah Wildman leading the way, the senior Edge dancers gained first place in jazz and musical theatre, plus silver medals in contemporary dance and a bronze medal in senior student choreography, thanks to the incredible talents of student Zerah Wildman, who, I might add, has not even graduated yet but has already started her own choreography business. Find her on Instagram at Wildz Choreography. How good is that! But wait, there is more. The junior Edge dancers came away from the same championships with a gold in the lyrical section and a bronze in musical theatre. The Caloundra Edge dancers are now amongst the best in the state.

Government members: Bravo!

Mr HUNT: I will take all of those bravos.

Wasn't that obvious on Saturday, 7 October when I took my family to watch the Edge Dance night performance. Dancers from year 7 to year 12 put on such a high-quality performance that my special guest, Mr Daniel Gaudiello, formerly of the Australian Ballet company, was blown away by their energy and talent. Naturally, I do not have time to name all of the dancers individually but, my goodness, all of the group dancers were amazing.

Then came the group and individual performances. Paige Carter's, Rojan Mardens' and Ruby Jordan's performance of *Body Ache*—bravo! The raw emotion of Shae Prescott and Milla Oliver performing *Control*—bravo! The compelling Meiling Wyre performing *Power*—bravo! The previously mentioned and impressive Zerah Wildman performing *Denial*—bravo! Rhylee Lawrence and Lucy Laurie, from year 7 mind you, performing *Elastic Heart*—bravo! The effervescent Rojan Mardens performing *Dance the Night* despite a complete blowout in one tap shoe—bravo! The most excellent dancing ballet pirate queen, Aimee Trego—bravo!

I am exhausted just describing these dancers. The Edge dancers put on 26 individual and group performances that evening, and that would not have been possible without the love and support of family and friends and teachers. To all of the Edge dance crew—front of stage, backstage, onstage—I say a resounding and heartfelt thankyou. I cannot wait to see where the new dance captains, Meiling Wyre and Rojan Mardens, take Edge next year.