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 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (7.09 pm): I start this contribution by thanking the parliament for allowing me to represent Queensland and Australia at the 66th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, along with the member for Toowoomba North. It was the most incredible experience I have had probably in my life, I have to say.

**An opposition member:** He's good but he's not that good.

**Ms RICHARDS:** He was a very good security guard. It was fantastic that I was able to contribute to the conference debate on food security and sustainability and to talk about how Queensland and Australia are positioned. I was really honoured to have that opportunity. I thank everybody for that. My biggest takeaway is that we are so blessed to live in Queensland and Australia when you look at countries such as Ghana and their capital cities. You will not find a luckier country than ours anywhere else on the planet. Thank you, again.

I want to talk about health because it has been a big topic of the day. Out in the Redlands we have never seen more investment into than health by the Palaszczuk government. I want to talk about the satellite hospital. I was at the Victoria Point Sharks footy club for the trivia night and two people came up to me. One said, 'Hey, good job on the satellite hospital. It's awesome. I was down there with my daughter. She had done her ankle in a dance lesson.' Another chap has been having renal dialysis there. At my shopping centre booth people have been raving about our satellite hospital. It is an amazing contribution to delivering health care closer to home for Redlanders. The Minister for Health came and we turned the first sod for the construction of our new intensive care unit and new wards are set to open in November this year. When we talk about health, honestly, you cannot beat the track record of the Palaszczuk government. I will stick our track record of the past five years against the previous 10 years any day of the week.

**Mr Head:** Is it 10 years?

**Ms RICHARDS:** Absolutely and the member for Callide should look at who was representing government in the previous 10 years. In terms of supporting our seniors, Minister Crawford came with me to the Donald Simpson Centre. A sum of \$50,000 is continuing the funding that we provided when the Redland City Council withdrew their annual operational funding support to that very important group. The seniors centre has over 1,700 members. They do an amazing job. We have given them another \$50,000. Today I have written to the minister asking to look at how we can make certain recurrent funding and to call on the Redland City Council to reinstate their support for what is a really important centre in our community. I am proud to be part of the Palaszczuk government that knows that it is really important to support our seniors.

Talking about the Big Build, our ferry terminal has been completed. Operationally, they have shifted it over. The Lamb Island guys had a big drink party with the construction crew. It was a great night. We are doing lots out in the Redlands.