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ADJOURNMENT

Redcliffe Electorate, Small Business Breakfast

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (7.04 pm): I rise today to share with the chamber the success of an event I jointly hosted with the Redcliffe Peninsula Chamber of Commerce in my electorate of Redcliffe last week—an event that celebrated the vital role of small businesses in our economy and local community. The Small Business Breakfast was attended by more than 90 guests and warmly welcomed speakers, including: the Hon. Di Farmer, Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development; Dominique Lamb, the Queensland Small Business Commissioner; Deputy Mayor Jodie Shipway from Moreton Bay Regional Council; and Victor Nicholls, president of the Redcliffe Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. This event was a testament to the enthusiasm and dedication of the business owners and professionals in our community. The business community was well represented by a range of attendees, including small business owners, CEOs, managing directors and managers across many sectors and areas of expertise including finance, digital marketing, health care, consulting, hospitality, education, manufacturing, real estate, security providers, disability services and retail.

I was also delighted to welcome student leaders and teachers from Redcliffe State High School and Clontarf Beach State High School. Their presence and engagement truly embodied the collective passion and commitment that drives our local economy forward. As I mentioned earlier, we had the honour of hosting Minister Farmer, who shared with us the exciting developments taking place this Small Business Month. She highlighted a series of events and grants that will provide invaluable support and resources to all small businesses.

I was also thrilled to hear that two Redcliffe businesses, Kitchen Remedy in Clontarf and Health Focus Manufacturing, were successful recipients of business growth grants. Kitchen Remedy received a generous grant of \$30,000 which will enable them to acquire freeze-drying equipment, while Health Focus Manufacturing was awarded \$40,000 to invest in much needed capping machinery. These grants are a testament to the Queensland government's commitment to foster the growth and success of our local businesses.

In addition to these grants, I was delighted that the Redcliffe Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, under the leadership of Victor Nicholls, was also granted a Chamber Wellness grant. This grant will allow the chamber to organise mental health workshops tailored to the small business owners and operators in our region. Mental health and wellbeing are crucial elements of running a successful business, and I commend the chamber for prioritising this important issue. I encourage all small businesses in Redcliffe and across our great state, including all those in Far North Queensland, to take full advantage of the support and resources available to them from the Queensland government.

In closing, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all those who attended the Small Business Breakfast and made it such a resounding success, including our students. I acknowledge all of the students who joined us in parliament this week. If only we saw the level of maturity and respect they have shown while they have been here from the opposition leader during question time it would have been pleasant.