




Speech By
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Trade Mission, Taiwan and Japan

 **Hon. RM BATES** (Mudgeeraba—LNP) (Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training) (10.06 am): After a decade of Labor decline we are delivering a Queensland that is open for business, and the world is demanding Queensland's products and services. Last month I led a trade mission to Taipei, Tokyo and Osaka, speaking with trade partners about opportunities for Queensland exporters. While Labor presided over 10 years of decline in our international relationships, the Crisafulli LNP government has—

Mr Butcher interjected.

Mr Krause interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Gladstone and member for Scenic Rim, stop your quarrelling across the chamber, please.

Ms BATES:—spent 10 months delivering for Queensland exporters, restoring our reputation for excellence, innovation and economic leadership. Thanks to our efforts Queensland is once again recognised as a serious player in international education, training, research and innovation sectors.

Our largest ever education and research delegation—37—to Japan and Taiwan secured outcomes for Queensland. We witnessed a landmark agreement between Brisbane-based Stralis Aircraft and two top Japanese universities, a partnership facilitated by TIQ and delivered under the Crisafulli LNP government. This deal positions Queensland as a global leader in aviation and advanced manufacturing.

In both Taiwan and Japan I led biotech round tables with key stakeholders, arresting a decade of decline. We have spent 10 months delivering deeper collaborations between Queensland's research institutions and overseas partners in clinical trials, immunotherapy and medical technology. The collaboration we are fostering today will deliver future R and D and commercialisation partnerships for Queenslanders.

The Crisafulli LNP government is attracting more international students by showcasing our state as the leading study destination, connecting IET and R and I delegates with the region's top education agents and partners.

The Japanese leg was underpinned by the Crisafulli LNP government's newly delivered Queensland-Japan Trade and Investment Strategy 2025-2028—a clear guide for deepening ties with one of our most critical regional partners. This is the strategy we needed a decade ago but one we delivered in 10 months. Since November 2024 I have undertaken four trade missions to six major trading markets, strengthening international relationships and delivering opportunities for Queensland businesses. The past 10 months of delivery has included two visits to Japan—a deliberate attempt to repair Queensland's reputation with Japanese trading partners, reversing a decade of decline. We are

well supported by TIQ commissioners in Japan and Taiwan—Tak Adachi and Juna Ferrett—and I am grateful for the support they and their teams provided on this mission.

We know that strong international relationships are essential to Queensland's success, and trade will underpin our plan to deliver a better lifestyle through a stronger economy. To build on what we have delivered in the past 10 months, we have backed TIQ with an additional \$5 million this financial year and an additional \$18 million over the next four years. We are focused on outcomes, not slogans, and delivering for Queenslanders. We are taking Queensland's best to the world and bringing these new opportunities home. After a decade of decline under Labor, in 10 months we have delivered a Queensland that is open for business.