




Speech By
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Olympic and Paralympic Games, Small and Family Business

 **Hon. SJ MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (Minister for Customer Services and Open Data and Minister for Small and Family Business) (2.26 pm): On this side of the House we understand that Queensland's small and family businesses and their staff are the heartbeat of our great state's economy and that is why we are putting small and family business first. On this side of the House we also understand that Queensland's small and family businesses right across the state are vital to delivering the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. We are not sitting around navel-gazing like those opposite did for nearly 1,200 days.

The Crisafulli government has well and truly fired the starting gun and we are out of the blocks when it comes to Queensland's small and family businesses preparing for and getting involved in procurement opportunities for 2032. Whether you are a small business builder in the Redlands or an IT consultant in North Queensland, a fencer on the Gold Coast or a sign maker on the Sunshine Coast, we simply need you. Our 2032 games procurement program gives Queensland's small and family businesses the opportunity to bid for contracts to supply the goods and services needed to deliver the world's greatest events, including temporary infrastructure, transport, barrier fencing, catering, housekeeping, uniforms and—as was the case in Paris—10,000 whistles.

This important procurement program is underpinned by our Queensland Procurement Policy 2026 that sets a clear 30 per cent target for small and family businesses. It is a policy that will deliver billions of dollars in government contracts directly to small and local businesses to help them grow and succeed. We have also made it easier for small and family businesses to work with government by simplifying procurement opportunities.

I recently had the pleasure of joining my colleague the Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, who indeed knows a good cricket pitch or two. We did that on the Gold Coast and there were almost 400 local businesses in attendance. There was genuine excitement when we outlined the opportunities for local businesses to become involved in the procurement opportunities for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. In fact, it was our third event. We had similar events across Queensland, at Cleveland as well as Townsville. We will continue to do that because we know it is proof that our plan is delivering for small and local businesses.

It extends beyond our athletes and our international partners. We also know that Queenslanders who own or who are employed by small and family businesses have the opportunity to deliver the quality and ingenuity they are renowned for. If there is one thing that small and family businesses need more than anything, particularly at the moment, it is certainty in order to make informed decisions.

I commend the Deputy Premier and the Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games for the 2032 Delivery Plan. We had to get on and deliver it, and that was indeed done this time last year. The malarkey of going around and around in circles came to an end and there was a comprehensive plan outlined for Queensland and, as members heard in the minister's ministerial statement, we are getting

on and delivering it. Queensland businesses can go online at brisbane2032.org/procurement and look at 59 current expressions of interest work packages that are live right now to help prepare their business for a slice of the Olympic and Paralympic pie. Under the Crisafulli government, Queensland's small and family businesses have a chance to be part of history and help us build a legacy that will continue to benefit Queenslanders way beyond 2032.

We are not stopping there, though. I look forward to joining small and family businesses on the Sunshine Coast next month and then on the Darling Downs to continue the rollout with Minister Mander to explain to them the procurement opportunities for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. At the end of the day, we want to make sure that not just the big end of town gets its slice; we want to make sure that small and family businesses, which are indeed the backbone of this state economy, get their opportunity. Again, that web address they need to go to is brisbane2032.org/procurement.