



Speech By  
**Hon. Jeff Seeney**


**MEMBER FOR CALLIDE**

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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

### Governing for Growth

 **Hon. JW SEENEY** (Callide—LNP) (Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning) (9.41 am): Our government was elected on a platform of economic growth. By getting the economy back on track we can fund the infrastructure and services that Queenslanders need to grow a strong future. Governing for Growth was our strategy for delivering on this commitment and achieving sustainable high levels of economic growth over the decade. It details all of the government's major economic initiatives and provides the private sector with the certainty on government direction that needed to make informed investment decisions.

I am pleased to inform the House of the six-month progress report on the Governing for Growth Action Plan, and I table a copy of the progress report.

*Tabled paper:* Document titled 'Governing for Growth Action Plan—Progress Report September 2014' [[5930](#)].

The Governing for Growth strategy was released in February this year and the action plan sets out the government's clear strategic priorities and around 300 actions to boost Queensland's economy and grow jobs. It complements the government's fiscal strategy to achieve a supercharged and competitive Queensland economy through responsible economic governance.

We have ticked off on three-quarters of the action plan identified in February, with substantial progress made within each of the six priority areas. We have simplified business regulation by reducing approval processes at all stages of the construction cycle. Impediments to business growth have been reduced by implementing the Great Skills Real Opportunities initiative to support Queenslanders gain the skills and training they need to get a job and to keep a job. We have undertaken consultation on RegionsQ, which will provide a clear, whole-of-government focus on all of our government's activities to drive growth in the regional economy. As we discussed yesterday, we have refocused the Royalties for the Regions program on to projects that will drive economic growth and provide a catalyst for further investment. We have released the InfrastructureQ directions statement that sets out the principles by which we will develop a credible pipeline of infrastructure projects. Shortly I will be announcing the funding details of the priority development infrastructure co-investment program, so long waited for by local councils. We are already working with councils to identify infrastructure that will unlock significant economic development opportunities such as major roadworks and intersections, water supply and wastewater projects, and stormwater management systems, all of which will be catalytic infrastructure for further infrastructure and development. We have fostered economic growth and resilience by establishing the Government Land and Asset Management division, GLAM, to drive property and land reform and implement the whole-of-government approach to manage our property assets.

The Mary Valley economic strategy continues to deliver benefits to that local community and 12 economic development leases have now been signed. I once again commend the member for

Gympie for the great role he has played in ensuring capital investment of over \$10 million will create around 130 jobs and bring the Mary Valley back to life.

We are driving productivity growth in the public sector through our Procurement Transformation Program, getting greater value for money from the government's \$16.3 billion annual spend on goods and services. The first wave of procurement reforms was completed in late 2013 and realised between \$82 million to \$130 million in benefits. Wave 2 was launched in March this year and aims to identify the most cost-effective and efficient way to source government goods and services well into the future.

From day one our government has recognised that the only long-term solution to the crippling debt that was left to us by the former Labor government was to grow the state economy and to build the business of Queensland. Our disciplined, methodical approach is paying dividends. We will continue to recover the horrible financial situation that was left by the former Labor government. Governing for growth and driving economic growth are critical parts of that strategy.