

experts and practitioners at the Safer Roads, Safer Queensland forum held in April this year. Over the next two years we will be working through 57 initiatives, which we have already started delivering with our partners.

Tragically, this year motorcycle riders have been overrepresented in road crashes. To help address that, we have launched a motorcycle safety campaign, The Perfect Ride, including website materials and tutorials, as part of Join the Drive to Save Lives. In August we released a discussion paper about proposed reforms to motorcycle licensing. We are responding to more than 1,000 public submissions and they will be published online later this week.

In July and September, over 100 young people from across Queensland participated in the GO-LAB youth road safety innovation challenge to brainstorm youth initiated road safety issues and responses impacting on their generation. In October I announced the winners and TMR is now working with the winning team of young people to fund and implement a targeted, online youth safety campaign, targeting young male drivers who are our highest risk demographic on the roads.

As part of our response to the April forum, we have also formed a citizens taskforce of everyday Queenslanders, who will make recommendations to government about how incentives could be used to encourage safe driving. Over two weekends last month, the citizens taskforce met and prepared recommendations in relation to incentives, road safety targets and drink and drug driving. Of course, on 1 September 2015 double demerit points were introduced for repeat mobile phone offences committed within one year of the first earlier offence. From 29 June this year we commenced a tougher practical driving test. The enhancements place a stronger emphasis on higher risk manoeuvres and safer driving skills for learner drivers.

Under the Community Road Safety Grants program, more than \$1 million will be shared across 40 Queensland schools, community groups and councils to improve road safety in their local area. Over the next two years, we will deliver more than \$500 million on road safety programs, including improved road infrastructure targeting the highest risk locations. This includes rolling out wide centre line treatments, which is an award winning lifesaving treatment on the Queensland road network. You can see it already on the Bruce Highway and a number of other highways. In this term of government, we are also rolling out 300 flashing light sets outside Queensland schools.

In August, with the Minister for Police I was pleased to launch the statewide Road Safety Week in partnership with the Queensland Police Service. Statewide road safety campaigns continued with the launch of the Distractions Campaign in August and a new drink driving campaign is planned for the Christmas New Year festive season. Government cannot reduce the road toll alone. We will continue to work with Queenslanders to make travelling on our roads as safe as possible. I call on all Queenslanders to be safe every time they get behind the wheel.

MOTION

Referral to the Finance and Administration Committee

 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (2.43 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—

1. That the Finance and Administration Committee inquire into and report to the Legislative Assembly by 30 June 2016 on the practices of the Labour Hire Industry in Queensland.

That, in undertaking the inquiry, the committee should consider:

- a) The extent, nature and consequence of labour hire employment in industries and/or regions, including within industry supply chains and the responsibilities of entities involved;
- b) Phoenixing, under-capitalisation and undercutting of conditions by labour hire companies ("companies") and their impact on the labour market and business;
- c) The social and economic impacts, including on regional communities, of replacing permanent employees, apprentices and trainees with labour hire workers;
- d) Allegations that labour hire and sham contracting are being used to avoid workplace laws and other statutory obligations, such as:
 - i. Underpayment of wages and entitlements, including superannuation; and
 - ii. Avoidance of payroll tax and Workcover premiums;
- e) The effectiveness of enforcing current industrial relations laws and instruments, occupational health and safety laws and workers' compensation laws in the labour hire industry;
- f) Allegations of exploitation, harassment and other mistreatment of workers employed by companies;
- g) Whether tendering and employment practices create an uneven playing field for competing businesses;

- h) The regulation of labour hire in Australian jurisdictions and internationally and effective enforcement mechanisms, including bonds, licensing, registration and other forms of compliance.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

NOTICE OF MOTION

~~Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services~~

 **Mr SPRINGBORG** (Southern Downs ~~LNP~~) (Leader of the Opposition) (2.46 pm): I give notice that I will move—

~~That this House has no confidence in the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services.~~

PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Queensland Economy

 **Mr LANGBROEK** (Surfers Paradise ~~LNP~~) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.46 pm): Today I rise to speak about Queensland's economic performance, because it is interesting that the Treasurer has chosen to ignore any comments about today's Australian Bureau of Statistics state final demand figures. As much as he might want to ignore the fact, Queensland's economy is faltering under his stewardship. It gives me no great pleasure to stand here and make that point, but I have to make it because the Treasurer refuses to accept the truth. It is a point that the opposition and I have to make, because we do not want to see this state go further backwards. The only way that we will see the state go forward is if we see meaningful policies from the government.

Today small business has said they want leadership from the government. They want a comprehensive economic plan. They want to see key infrastructure projects. They want to see the government reducing costs and regulatory shackles so that they can grow and create jobs. However, let us look at the specifics of the statistics. Today's figures from the ABS show that in the September quarter in Queensland, seasonally adjusted state final demand fell 0.2 per cent. Today's figures also show a downward revision in the figures from the June quarter, indicating negative growth of 1.3 per cent. The June quarter result for Queensland was by far the worst of any state in Australia. The trend state final demand figures tell the same story: Queensland is at the bottom of the pack on that measure. While it is important to note that state final demand figures exclude net exports, today's figures again confirm that Queensland's economy is stalling under this do nothing Labor government. The figures come on top of national account statistics showing economic growth in Queensland was the worst of any state.

Since the March quarter, seasonally adjusted business investment in Queensland has dropped by 21.1 per cent. Yes: seasonally adjusted business investment has dropped by 21.1 per cent since the March quarter. In Queensland trend building approvals have declined for seven consecutive months. Just last month, seasonally adjusted building approvals declined almost 30 per cent. We have also seen two quarters of negative growth on retail trade. Queensland is now listed as part of a third tier of economies by the CommSec State of the States report, falling further behind states such as New South Wales. Unfortunately, rather than using these sobering numbers to outline his positive vision for growing the economy, the Treasurer has been playing the blame game—it is everyone's fault but his. At some stage the Treasurer is finally going to have to step up and accept responsibility for the Queensland economy.

We are now up to 80 reviews. They have to begin making some decisions soon. The Treasurer is going to have to actually outline his vision for Queensland because that is what Queensland businesses are crying out for. Queenslanders deserve better than an ineffectual Treasurer who is making it up as he goes. The LNP was managing our budget responsibly. Finances were back under control. Queensland needs the LNP to unleash Queensland's potential.

Royalties for the Regions, Auditor General's Report

 **Hon. JA TRAD** (South Brisbane ~~ALP~~) (Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade) (2.49 pm): Yesterday the Queensland Audit Office tabled their report into the member for Callide's administration of the Royalties