Report to Parliament

BIO 2013 Mission to Chicago, Illinois, USA
20 – 27 April 2013

The Honourable Ian Walker MP

Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts
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Foreword

Queensland’s biotechnology industry currently comprises around 86 core biotechnology companies and 47 biotechnology-related research institutes. Combined, these organisations employ over 8,000 people and generated an estimated A$1.67 billion in revenues in 2010/11.

Although small in comparison with major international players such as the United States, Queensland is uniquely and competitively positioned compared with many other regions in the world. The State’s strong science and research base, world-class infrastructure, natural mega-biodiversity, tropical location, and the Government’s balanced approach to regulation gives Queensland a global advantage.

The annual BIO international convention is the most significant international biotechnology trade and investment conference worldwide. BIO 2013 attracted over 13,500 delegates from 62 countries and more than 1,700 exhibiting companies, organisations and institutions, all focused on biotechnology and the life sciences.

I led a group of 55 delegates from Queensland to highlight the State as a leader in biotechnology and to develop collaborations and partnerships with the best of the world’s science organisations and leading businesses. Throughout the conference I promoted the AusBiotech national conference which will be held in Brisbane in late October 2013. I also helped to promote Queensland’s exciting new scale-up manufacturing facility that is attracting growing international attention.

Attending BIO gave me a much clearer picture of the global nature of the life sciences industry, and the excellent reputation and contribution of our researchers and businesses. The challenge is to develop our potential further.

The Honourable Ian Walker MP
Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts
Program

Minister's Mission to North America
20 April 2013 to 27 April 2013

Time Differences:
Chicago, IL 15 hours behind Brisbane
Los Angeles, CA 17 hours behind Brisbane

Saturday 20 April 2013 – Hong Kong/Tokyo/Chicago

10:35am
Depart Hong Kong for Tokyo
Sat 12:35pm BNE
Cathay Pacific AA6116
Travel time: 4 hrs 20 mins

3:55pm
Arrive Tokyo Narita Airport
Sat 4:55pm BNE

6:15pm
Depart Tokyo Narita Airport for Chicago
Sat 7:15pm BNE
American Airlines AA154
Travel time: 11 hrs 50 mins

4:05pm
Arrive Chicago O'Hare International Airport
Sun 7:05am BNE

4:30pm
Travel to Hotel for check-in
Sun 7:30am BNE
Union Leagues Club
65 W Jackson Blvd
Chicago, Illinois
60604 USA
Tel: 0011 312.427.7800
Travel time: 25 mins

7:50pm
Transfer to function
Sun 10:50am BNE
Travel time: 10 mins

8:00pm – 10:00pm
UQ Alumni Dinner
Sun 11:00am -1:00pm BNE
Venue: Shaw's Crab House
21 E Hubbard Street
Chicago, Illinois

Overnight
Union Leagues Club
Sunday 21 April 2013 – Chicago

8:45am  
Transfer to meeting  
*Travel time: 10mins*

9:00am – 10:15am  
**Allocated Briefing Time**  
Sun midnight – Mon 1:15am BNE  
Venue: Washington Park Room  
River Level 1  
Westin Chicago River North  
320 North Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois

10:15am – 11:00am  
Meeting with Karen King, President, DSM Biologics and Peter Allen, Chair, BioPharmaceuticals Australia  
Mon 1:15am – 2:00am BNE  
Venue: Washington Park Room  
River Level 1  
Westin Chicago River North  
320 North Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois

11:00am – 12:00pm  
Meeting with Lawrence Kent, Senior Program Officer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation  
Mon 2:00am – 3:00am BNE  
Venue: Washington Park Room  
River Level 1  
Westin Chicago River North  
320 North Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois

12:00pm – 2:00pm  
**QUT International Collaborations Luncheon**  
Mon 3:00am – 5:00am BNE  
Venue: The Astor Room  
Westin Chicago River North  
320 North Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois

2:00pm  
Travel to next meeting  
*Travel time: 5 mins*

2:30pm – 3:00pm  
**Burrill Pan-Asia Life Sciences Meeting**  
Mon 5:30am – 6:00am BNE  
Venue: Ruggles Hall  
The Newberry Library  
60 West Walton Street  
Chicago, Illinois
3:00pm – 3:30pm
Mon 6:00am – 6:30am BNE
Meeting with Dr Chris Nave, Principal Executive, Medical Research Commercialisation Fund
Venue: Towners Fellow Lounge
The Newberry Library
60 West Walton Street
Chicago, Illinois

3:30pm
Mon 6:30am BNE
Transfer to Hotel
Travel time: 10 mins

4:45pm
Mon 7:45am BNE
Transfer to next meeting
Travel time: 10 mins

5:00pm – 5:30pm
Mon 8:00am - 8:30am BNE
Meeting with Eli Lilly
Venue: Towners Fellow Lounge
The Newberry Library
60 West Walton Street
Chicago, Illinois

5:30pm – 8:30pm
Mon 8:30am – 11:30am BNE
Queensland VIP Welcome Reception
Venue: Lobby
The Newberry Library
60 West Walton Street
Chicago, Illinois

Overnight
Union Leagues Club
65 W Jackson Blvd
Chicago, Illinois
60604 USA
Tel: 0011 312.427.7800

Monday 22 April 2013 – Chicago

7:15am
Mon 10:15pm BNE
Depart Hotel
Travel time: 10 mins

7:30am – 9:00am
Mon 10:30pm – Tues midnight BNE
BIO 2013 Manitoba Breakfast
Venue: Tip Top Tap Room, 23rd Floor
Allerton Hotel
701 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
Meeting with Hon. Dave Chomiak, Minister of Innovation, Energy and Mines, Government of Manitoba

Venue: Private Room
   Allerton Hotel
   701 North Michigan Avenue
   Chicago, Illinois

Allocated briefing time

Meeting with Clay Johnson, Vice President, IT Business Systems, Boeing

Venue: Private Room
   Allerton Hotel
   701 North Michigan Avenue
   Chicago, Illinois

Meeting with Dr James Garner, Vice President & General Manager, Takeda Global Research & Development Center (Asia)

Venue: Private Room
   Allerton Hotel
   701 North Michigan Avenue
   Chicago, Illinois

Transfer to next meeting

Travel time: 15 mins

Visit Australia Pavilion

Venue: Australia Pavilion
   Booth 5248, Exhibition Hall C
   McCormick Place
   2301 S Lake Shore Dr
   Chicago, Illinois

Meeting with South Carolina Delegation

Venue: South Carolina Pavilion
   Booth 2679, Exhibition Hall B
   McCormick Place
   2301 S Lake Shore Dr
   Chicago, Illinois

Transfer to next meeting

Travel time: 15 mins
3:00pm – 4:00pm  
Meeting with Janssen  
Venue: Private Room  
Union Leagues Club  
65 W Jackson Blvd  
Chicago, Illinois  

4:15pm – 4:45pm  
Meeting with the Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, Victorian  
Assistant Treasurer, Minister for Technology and  
Minister for the Aviation industry  
Venue: Private Room  
Union Leagues Club  
65 W Jackson Blvd  
Chicago, Illinois  

4:45pm  
Allocated briefing time  

5:55pm  
Transfer to next meeting  
Travel time: 5 mins by cab or 20 mins walking  

6:00pm – 8:30pm  
BIO Access Event  
Venue: Jay Pritzker Pavilion  
Millennium Park  
Chicago, Illinois  

Overnight  
Union Leagues Club  
65 W Jackson Blvd  
Chicago, Illinois  
60604 USA  
Tel: 0011 312.427.7800  

Tuesday 23 April 2013 – Chicago  

7:00am  
Depart Hotel  
Travel time: 5 mins  

7:30am – 8:40am  
Washington Biotechnology & Biomedical  
Association Breakfast  
Venue: Valencia Room, Lobby Level  
Intercontinental Chicago  
505 N Michigan Ave  
Chicago, Illinois
8:45am
Transfer to next meeting
Travel time: 5 mins

9:00am – 9:30am
Meeting with Dr Chris Mirabelli, Partner, HealthCare Ventures
Venue: Cuvee Room, Lobby Level
Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park
200 North Columbus Drive
Chicago, Illinois

9:30am – 10:00am
Meeting with Dr Douglas Ry Wagner, Global New Ventures and Technology Leader, Dow AgroSciences
Venue: Cuvee Room, Lobby Level
Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park
200 North Columbus Drive
Chicago, Illinois

10:00am – 11:00am
Meeting with LanzaTech
Venue: Cuvee Room, Lobby Level
Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park
200 North Columbus Drive
Chicago, Illinois

11:00am
Transfer to next meeting
Travel time: 10 mins

11:30am – 12:15pm
Meeting with Mr Jinzhen Wang, Vice Chairman, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade
Venue: Room S106B
McCormick Place
2301 S Lake Shore Dr
Chicago, Illinois

12:15pm
Transfer to next meeting
Travel time: 5 min walk

12:30pm – 1:00pm
Visit DSM Booth and meet with Karen King, President, DSM Biologics
Venue: DSM Booth #4367
McCormick Place
2301 S Lake Shore Dr
Chicago, Illinois
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Transfer  
*Travel time: 5 mins*

7:30pm – 10:00pm  
Muti Conducts Beethoven 4 (Private function)  
*Venue: Chicago Symphony Orchestra  
220 S. Michigan Ave  
Chicago, Illinois*

Overnight  
*Union Leagues Club  
65 W Jackson Blvd  
Chicago, Illinois  
60604 USA  
Tel: 0011 312.427.7800*

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**Wednesday 24 April 2013 – Chicago**

8:00am  
Depart hotel – In-Transit Briefing  
*Travel time: 1 hour*

9:00am – 10:30am  
Site Visit to Centor North America  
*Venue: 1206 Nagel Blvd  
Batavia Illinois*

10:30am  
Transfer to next meeting  
*Travel time: 1 hour*

11:30am – 12:00pm  
Meeting with Amgen  
*Venue: Room 2, Double Helix Sponsor Meeting Room  
McCormick Place  
2301 S Lake Shore Dr  
Chicago, Illinois*

12:00pm – 1:30pm  
BIO2013 Keynote Luncheon  
*Venue: Hall B1, North Building, Level 3  
McCormick Place  
2301 S Lake Shore Dr  
Chicago, Illinois*

1:30pm – 2:00pm  
Transfer to next meeting  
*Travel time: 15 mins*
2:00pm – 4:00pm  
Site Visit to Chicago 1871  
Thurs 5:00am – 7:00am BNE  
Venue: 12th Floor  
222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza  
Chicago, Illinois

4:00pm  
Transfer to Hotel  
Thurs 7:00am BNE  
Travel time: 10 mins

Thursday 25 April 2013 – Chicago / Los Angeles

7:00am  
Hotel Check-out & Transfer to Event  
Thurs 10:00pm BNE  
Travel time: 5 mins

7:30am – 9:30am  
ANZAC Day Service and Breakfast  
Thurs 10:30pm – Fri 12:30am BNE  
Venue: Vietnam Veterans Memorial  
Cnr North Wabash Ave and East Wacker Dr  
Chicago, Illinois

9:30am  
Transfer to Chicago O'Hare International Airport  
Fri 12:30am BNE  
Travel time: 30 mins

11:50am  
Depart Chicago for Los Angeles  
American Airlines Flight AA 1247  
Travel time: 4 hrs 25 mins

2:15pm  
Arrive Los Angeles  
Fri 5:15am BNE

3:00pm  
Transfer to next meeting  
Fri 6:00am BNE  
Travel time: 25 mins

3:30pm – 4:30pm  
Meeting with Lorna Jane  
Fri 6:30am – 7:30am BNE  
Venue: Meeting Room, Santa Monica Shopping Centre  
Followed by tour of store at:  
Santa Monica Place Shopping Centre  
395 Santa Monica Place  
Santa Monica, California
4:30pm  
Fri 7:30am BNE  
Transfer to next meeting  
*Travel time: 25 mins*

5:00pm – 5:30pm  
Fri 8:00am – 8:30am BNE  
Meeting with Los Angeles County Museum  
Venue: Los Angeles County Museum of Art  
5905 Wilshire Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA

5:30pm  
Fri 8:30am BNE  
Transfer to next meeting  
*Travel time: 25 mins*

6:30pm – 8:00pm  
Fri 9:30am – 11:00am BNE  
Dinner with Karen Lanyon, Consul General and John Brenton, Vice Consul  
Venue: Café del Rey  
4451 Admiralty Way  
Marina del Rey, CA

8:00pm  
Fri 11:00am BNE  
Transfer to Los Angeles International Airport  
*Travel time: 15 mins*

11:45pm  
Fri 2:45pm BNE  
Depart Los Angeles for Brisbane  
Qantas Flight QF16  
*Travel time: 14 hrs*

Friday 26 April 2013 – In transit

Saturday 27 April 2013 – Brisbane

6:45am  
Arrive in Brisbane
Official Party USA

The Honourable Ian Walker MP
Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts

Ms Diane Balke
Chief of Staff
Office of the Honourable Ian Walker MP

Mr Chris Rodwell
Trade Commissioner
Queensland Trade Office – the Americas

Mr David Camerlengo
Director – Business Development in North America
Queensland Trade Office – the Americas

Mr Stewart MacIntyre
Director – Science Capability, Engagement and Collaboration
Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts

Ms Tamlyn O’Connor
Senior Project Officer – Science Capability, Engagement and Collaboration
Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts
# Queensland Business Delegates

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BIO 2013 Summary

- I undertook over 30 meetings to support Queensland's presence at BIO 2013.
- I held meetings with key international pharmaceutical and biotech companies as well as investors seeking to attract more investment into the Queensland life sciences sector.
- I hosted a series of meetings with leading international entities such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Eli Lilly, Amgen, Boeing, Dow AgroScience and Janssen.
- My meetings at BIO 2013 impressed on me the manner in which Queensland is helping to provide solutions to global health and food challenges, and also opening up potential new commercial opportunities.
- I hosted the Queensland VIP Welcome Reception to over 185 national and international delegates to profile Queensland's life sciences industry.
- By attending BIO I know that Life Sciences Queensland is working hard, seeking out new markets and investment for our local sector.
- However, it is also important that the Queensland Government play a supporting role, helping to build relationships with other like-minded jurisdictions.
- I profiled at every opportunity Queensland hosting Australia's national AusBiotech conference in late October 2013.

The Minister and Queensland delegates in front of the Australian National Pavilion
Meetings / Events

Dinner Function hosted by the University of Queensland Alumni

Date: Saturday 20 April 2013
Time: 8.00pm – 10.00pm
Venue: Shaw's Crab House, 21 E Hubbard Street, Chicago, Illinois

MATTERTS DISCUSSED:

- This was an informal dinner for University of Queensland (UQ) alumni in North America and those who travelled to BIO from Queensland.
- I used this event as an opportunity to promote Queensland’s successes to date and the government's continued commitment to biotechnology and life sciences.

Meeting with DSM Biologics (DSMB) and BioPharmaceuticals Australia (BPA)

Date: Sunday 21 April 2013
Time: 10.15am – 11.00am
Venue: Washington Park Room, Level 1, Westin Chicago River North, 320 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois

Attendees:
- Ms Karen King | President of DSM Biologics and BPA Commercial Partner
- Mr Peter Allen | BPA Chairman
- Professor Peter Gray | Director, Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology, University of Queensland, and BPA Board Member
- Ms Nicky Milsom | General Manager of Magnetica and BPA Board Member

MATTERS DISCUSSED:

- I was able to discuss the progress in establishing DSMB's presence in Queensland along with the potential to expand DSMB's interest in the State.
- I thanked DSMB for its partnership with BPA and acknowledged DSMB’s current project with the University of Queensland's Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology.
I discussed the progress being made in constructing the Scale-Up Manufacturing Facility and the proposed timetable for its final construction, establishment and full-scale operation.

DSMB noted that an official opening for the new facility is expected to occur later this year.

I discussed opportunities for DSMB and BPA to promote the new facility as a global destination for development of new bio-therapeutic products and also showcase collaboration opportunities with international investors. We also discussed their plans to showcase the new facility to potential international companies during BIO 2013.

I highlighted Queensland's broader capabilities that may be of interest to DSMB's parent company (Royal DSM N.V.).

Ms Milsom spoke about Magnetica, a small magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) company she is involved with, which has won a Commercialisation Australia grant working with a partner in China to set up a small prototype facility.

(L to R) Mr Peter Allen, BPA Chairman, Ms Karen King, President of DSM Biologics and BPA Commercial Partner, and Minister Ian Walker
Meeting with Mr Lawrence Kent, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Date: Sunday 21 April 2013
Time: 11.00am – 12.00pm
Venue: Washington Park Room, Level 1, Westin Chicago River North, 320 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois

Attendees:
Mr Lawrence Kent | Senior Program Officer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Professor Arun Sharma | Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Commercialisation), Queensland University of Technology (QUT)
Professor Patsy Yates | A/Executive Director, Institute for Health and Biomedical Innovation, QUT
Professor James Dale | Director for the Centre for Tropical Crops and Biocommodities, QUT
Professor Ross Young | Executive Director of Faculty of Health, QUT

MATTERS DISCUSSED:

- I used this meeting to reinforce the strong relationship between Queensland researchers and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- I invited Mr Kent to attend the AusBiotech conference in Brisbane in October 2013.
- Mr Kent spoke of global health issues such as HIV and malaria and that a key goal of the Foundation was to tackle world hunger by improving crop production on African farms.
- Professor Dale spoke of his work in developing the technology in the early 1990s for genetically-modified bananas. In 2003, Professor Dale went to Africa and started collaboration in Uganda. Bananas are the most important source of calories there.
- Professor Yates spoke about the programs in QUTs, Institute for Health and Biomedical Innovation, including work on cancer, cell repair and palliative care.
- Professor Young explained that over $9 million funding has been received from Atlantic Philanthropies to conduct work in Vietnam and QUT is working to target specific collaborations with China around areas such as regenerative medicine.

QUT International Collaborations Luncheon

Date: Sunday 21 April 2013
Time: 12.00pm – 2.00pm
Venue: The Astor Room, Westin Chicago River North, 320 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois

Speakers:
Hon. Ian Walker MP | Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts
Mr Lawrence Kent | Senior Program Officer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
(Keynote Speaker)
MATTERS DISCUSSED:

- I addressed approximately 100 Queensland and international guests including senior executives of QUT and representatives of legal firms, medical and biotechnology organisations, US universities and venture capital companies.

- I spoke about science and innovation in Queensland, more specifically I:
  - emphasised that science and innovation is the backbone of a strong knowledge economy where Queensland's scientists, businesses, farmers and manufacturers can be globally competitive and unlock the State's potential.
  - reinforced how the Queensland Government strongly encourages collaboration between Queensland researchers and their counterparts in other states and countries.
  - highlighted the new point of difference offered by the Newman Government and the role that business and industry is encouraged to play in the State. I explained that the government is determined to strengthen the links between research in Queensland universities and other research organisations and the private sector.
  - highlighted how this will provide opportunities for universities as it will encourage access to venture capital and new avenues of private funding for their research.
The Burrill Pan-Asia Life Sciences Meeting

Date: Sunday 21 April 2013
Time: 2.30pm – 3.00pm
Venue: Ruggles Hall, The Newberry Library, 60 West Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois

Attendees:
Mr G. Steven Burrill | CEO & Founder, Burrill & Company

MATTERS DISCUSSED:

- Mr Burrill provided a very informative presentation on the health issues, population trends and recent developments influencing the ongoing development in the Pan Asian life sciences industry – including those from China, India, South Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Australia and New Zealand.
- It is evident that the Asia-Pacific is becoming one of the fastest growing areas in the global life sciences sector, and this provides opportunities for Queensland’s industry.
- Later that evening Mr Burrill was awarded Life Sciences Queensland’s International Ambassador status at the Queensland VIP reception.
- I encouraged Mr Burrill and his senior executives to attend AusBiotech 2013, which will be held in Brisbane from 29 October - 1 November 2013.

Meeting with Dr Chris Nave and the Honourable Peter Beattie, Medical Research Commercialisation Fund

Date: Sunday 21 April 2013
Time: 3.00pm – 3.30pm
Venue: Room 101, The Newberry Library, 60 West Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois

Attendees:
Hon. Peter Beattie | Director (non-executive), Medical Research Commercialisation Fund
Dr Chris Nave | Principal Executive, Medical Research Commercialisation Fund

MATTERS DISCUSSED:

- The Medical Research Commercialisation Fund (MRCF) provides dedicated, investment funding to support the commercialisation of early-stage medical research discoveries that originate from its member institutes. The collaborative nature of the MRCF seeks to foster best practice in the commercialisation of medical innovations.
- Projects must meet certain key criteria, including a patent position and a clear regulatory path, before MRCF will consider investing.
During this meeting, I sought insight into the MRCF Investment Review Committee processes and upcoming opportunities for commercialisation of Queensland research and development.

We discussed MRCF’s forward plans and ongoing viability. I also highlighted that the life sciences industry is central to innovation and economic development in Queensland.

We discussed the Queensland Government’s ongoing commitment to the Fund, and the positive impact is having in accelerating the successful commercialisation of Queensland science.

**Meeting with Eli Lilly**

**Date:** Sunday 21 April 2013  
**Time:** 5.00pm – 5.30pm  
**Venue:** Towners Fellow Lounge, The Newberry Library, 60 West Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois

**Attendees:**  
**Dr Brian Bloomquist** | Senior Director, Diabetes and Endocrine, Global External R&D, Eli Lilly  
**Dr Elaine Sullivan** | VP Global External R&D, Eli Lilly  
**Dr Alan Lamont** | Senior Director, Global External R&D, Eli Lilly  
**Dr Neil Smith** | Senior Advisor, External Innovation, Global External R&D, Eli Lilly  
**Professor Brandon Wainwright** | Director, Institute for Molecular Bioscience, University of Queensland

(L to R) Dr Alan Lamont, Minister Ian Walker, Dr Brian Bloomquist, Dr Elaine Sullivan, and Dr Neil Smith
MATTERS DISCUSSED:

- I highlighted Queensland's life sciences industry and the opportunities for overseas venture capital and pharmaceutical companies to invest in Queensland.
- I gauged the level of interest from Eli Lilly to invest in Queensland.
- We discussed the role of Eli Lilly in the current HealthCare Ventures Fund and the company's view on global opportunities for Queensland's life sciences sector.
- I encouraged Eli Lilly to bring a delegation to Queensland to coincide with the AusBiotech conference in Brisbane in late October 2013.

Queensland VIP Welcome Reception

Date: Sunday 21 April 2013
Time: 5.30pm – 8.30pm
Venue: Lobby, The Newberry Library, 60 West Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois

OVERVIEW:

- The Reception provided Queensland attendees with an opportunity to network and foster new research and business relationships with key international delegates, while positioning and showcasing the State's strengths, particularly in medical, agricultural and industrial biotechnology.
- I outlined the government's continuing support for science and innovation and highlighted Queensland's niche capacities.
- I was pleased to assist our local industry association, Life Sciences Queensland, announce its two new international ambassadors during the Queensland Business Reception.
Professor Uwe Heinrich from Germany’s leading Fraunhofer Institute and Mr Steve Burrill, CEO and founder of US investment firm Burrill and Company, will assist Life Sciences Queensland to open up new business and research opportunities for our life sciences sector in their role as ambassadors.

DSMB announced that they have partnered with US-based biotech company DecImmune in a contract manufacturing agreement at their Brisbane facility.

Manitoba BIO 2013 Breakfast

Date: Monday 22 April 2013
Time: 7.30am – 9.00am

OVERVIEW:

☐ I was hosted at the breakfast by the Honourable Dave Chomiak MP, Minister of Innovation, Energy and Mines, Government of Manitoba.

☐ The breakfast was an opportunity to gain an understanding of Manitoba’s life sciences capabilities as it was attended by global contacts in the industry including their key international partners.

Meeting with the Honourable Dave Chomiak, Minister of Innovation, Energy and Mines, Government of Manitoba

Date: Monday 22 April 2013
Time: 9.00am – 9.30am
Venue: Allerton Hotel, 701 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Attendees:
Hon. Dave Chomiak MP | Minister of Innovation, Energy and Mines
Mr Doug McCartney | Senior Executive Director, Science, Innovation and Business Development, Government of Manitoba
Mr Mario Pennisi | CEO, Life Sciences Queensland
MATTERS DISCUSSED:

- We discussed the Queensland and Manitoba Memorandum of Understanding on Enabling Technology Collaboration and the projects under this existing strategic alliance.

- We also discussed the strong connections already established between Manitoba and Queensland in areas such as agricultural research and the need to maintain these.

- I invited Minister Chomiak to Queensland for AusBiotech 2013 and offered for Queensland to prepare a suitable itinerary showcasing our Queensland science for Manitoban delegation.

- I was advised Dr Lee Anne Murphy, Executive Director, Manitoba Agri-Health Research Network Inc (MAHRN), has already confirmed her attendance at AusBiotech 2013, and will also be encouraging delegates through the MAHRN network in Manitoba.

Meeting with Mr Clay Johnson, Boeing

Date: Monday 22 April 2013
Time: 10.00am – 11.00am
Venue: Allerton Hotel, 701 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Attendees:
Mr Clay Johnson | Vice President, IT Business Systems, Boeing
Professor Peter Gray | Director, Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology, University of Queensland
Professor Bob McCarthy | Advisor, Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology, University of Queensland
Ms Khatmeh Osserian-Hanna | Executive Director, The University of Queensland in America (Director of UQ Advancement – North America)

MATTERS DISCUSSED:

- I acknowledged the ongoing investments Boeing has made in Queensland and discussed prospects for future Boeing activities in the Asia Pacific region in areas including biofuels, defence and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

- I was briefed on the increasing airplane manufacturing capability that Boeing is establishing in Charleston, South Carolina.

- It was highlighted that Queensland remains a key international location for Boeing going forward. This includes seeking suitably qualified graduates. The University of Queensland offered to look at how they could appropriately support Boeing’s intern program.
Meeting with Dr James Garner, Takeda Global Research & Development Centre

Date: Monday 22 April 2013
Time: 11.00am – 11.45am
Venue: Allerton Hotel
701 North Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois

Attendees:
Dr James Garner | Vice President & General Manager, Takeda Global Research & Development Centre
Mr Mario Pennisi | CEO, Life Sciences Queensland

MATTERS DISCUSSED:

☐ We discussed the current plans of Takeda and opportunities for Queensland.
☐ Takeda is currently the 12th largest pharmaceutical company in the world and the largest in Japan. Takeda’s largest regional hub is in Singapore.
☐ I invited Dr Garner to consider attending the 2013 AusBiotech conference in Brisbane in October.

Visit to the Australian National Pavilion

Date: Monday 22 April 2013
Time: 12.00pm – 1.30pm
Venue: Australian Pavilion, Booth 5248, Exhibition Hall C, McCormick Place, 2301 S Lake Shore Dr, Chicago, Illinois

OVERVIEW:

☐ I visited the Australian Pavilion, including the Life Sciences Queensland exhibition space, to meet the Queensland exhibitors and delegates.
☐ Queensland exhibitors included Life Sciences Queensland, BioPharmaceuticals Australia, Translational Research Institute, Uniquest, Queensland University of Technology and Anteo Diagnostics.
☐ Mr Mario Pennisi CEO, Life Sciences Queensland, then escorted me to other exhibitor pavilions such as South Korea and South Carolina.
Meeting with South Carolina Delegation

Date: Monday 22 April 2013
Time: 1.30pm – 2.15pm
Venue: South Carolina Pavilion, Booth 2679, Exhibition Hall B, McCormick Place, 2301 S Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Attendees:
Mr André LeBlanc | Senior Project Manager, Global Business Development, South Carolina Department of Commerce
Mr Wayne Roper | President, SCBIO
Ms Erin Ford | Business Recruitment Officer, Upstate SC Alliance
Ms Lisa Perpall | Life Sciences Technology, Commercialization Officer, Clemson University Research Foundation
Ms Catalina Valencia | Manager of Business Development, Greenwood Partnership Alliance
Lori Bassett | Communications Director, Greenwood Genetic Center

OVERVIEW:
- This was an informal meeting with delegates at the South Carolina Pavilion.
- I used this opportunity to develop an understanding of South Carolina’s approach to the ongoing development of its biotechnology sector.
Meeting with Janssen

Date: Monday 22 April 2013
Time: 3.00pm – 4.00pm
Venue: Union Leagues Club, 65 W Jackson Blvd, Chicago, Illinois

Attendees:
Dr Alma Scott | Head of Business Development, Janssen Immunology (Philadelphia)
Dr Robert Wills | Vice President, Alliance Management, Janssen Global Services
Ms Kathy Connell | Senior Manager, Innovation and Investment, Janssen-Cilag (Sydney)
Mr Kenneth Dow | Assistant Patent Counsel, Johnson and Johnson
Dr Craig Belcher | Director of Dendright and Manager of Business Development, UniQuest
Dr Mark Ashton | Institute for Molecular Bioscience Manager, Innovation and Commercial Development, UniQuest

MATTERS DISCUSSED:
- This meeting was a prelude to a delegation from Janssen Immunology visiting Brisbane in July 2013.
- Janssen is working in partnership with Queensland start-up Dendright and The University of Queensland's Institute for Molecular Bioscience, making significant advances in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis.
- I invited Janssen to bring a delegation to Queensland to coincide with the AusBiotech conference in Brisbane in October 2013.

Meeting with the Honourable Gordon Rich-Phillips MLC, Victorian Government

Date: Monday 22 April 2013
Time: 4.15pm – 4.45pm
Venue: Union Leagues Club, 65 W Jackson Blvd, Chicago, Illinois

Attendees:
Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips MLC | Assistant Treasurer, Minister for Technology and Minister for the Aviation Industry
Mr Michael Kapel | Victoria’s Trade Commissioner to the Americas
Dr Amanda Caples | Executive Director, Science and Technology Programs, Department of Business and Innovation, Government Victoria
Mr Mario Pennisi | CEO, Life Sciences Queensland
MATTERS DISCUSSED:

- This meeting was an opportunity to discuss with senior Victorian Government officials opportunities to collaborate regarding the Australian presence at BIO 2014.
- I also learnt about the Victorian Government’s strategy in North America to develop its biotechnology sector, including a new relationship with the Massachusetts Life Science Centre.

BIO Access Event

Date: Monday 22 April 2013
Time: 6.00pm – 8.30pm
Venue: Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Millennium Park, Chicago, Illinois

Attendees:
VIP global industry leaders, selected dignitaries, CEOs and members of BIO

OVERVIEW:

- I promoted Queensland’s successes to date and the government’s continued commitment to biotechnology and the life sciences sector.

Washington Biotechnology and Biomedical Association Breakfast

Date: Tuesday 23 April 2013
Time: 7.30am – 8.40am
Venue: Valencia Room, Lobby Level, Intercontinental Chicago, 505 N Michigan Ave, Chicago, Illinios

OVERVIEW:

- I attended the Washington Biotechnology and Biomedical Association (WBBA) breakfast, which showcased their State’s capability to an audience of up to 100 delegates.
- I met Mr Chris Rivera, President of WBBA briefly after the event and discussed Queensland’s strong science relationship with Washington State, including partnerships in biotechnology.
- I encouraged Mr Rivera to visit Queensland again to coincide with the AusBiotech conference in Brisbane, and see the ongoing progress in Queensland’s science.
Meeting with Dr Chris Mirabelli, Healthcare Ventures (HCV)

Date: Tuesday 23 April 2013  
Time: 9.00am – 9.30am  
Venue: Cuvee Room, Lobby Level, Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park, 200 North Columbus Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Attendees:  
Dr Chris Mirabelli | Partner, HealthCare Ventures

MATTERS DISCUSSED:

- We discussed the progress of the current HCV life sciences fund (IX).  
- The Fund began in 2010 and in 2011 made investment into Vaxxas, a spin-out company using nano-patch technology developed by The University of Queensland.  
- DeclImmune is a client who has just signed a contract with DSMB and will use the Brisbane facility.  
- We discussed how Queensland technology could attract additional investment, and also the international networks and expertise that HCV brings to the assessment it undertakes of Queensland biotech research.

Meeting with Dr Douglas Ry Wagner, Dow AgroSciences

Date: Tuesday 23 April 2013  
Time: 9.30am – 10.00am  
Venue: Cuvee Room, Lobby Level, Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park, 200 North Columbus Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Attendees:  
Dr Douglas Ry Wagner | Global New Ventures and Technology Leader, Dow AgroScience  
Professor Peter Gray | Director, Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology, University of Queensland  
Professor Bob McCarthy | Advisor, Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology, University of Queensland

MATTERS DISCUSSED:

- We discussed Dow’s interaction with Queensland, in particular with Dow AgroScience.  
- We discussed progress to date in the establishment of the Dow Centre for Sustainable Engineering Innovation and the centre’s activities.  
- Professor Gray and I encouraged Dr Wagner to return to Queensland so we could facilitate a meeting between the Honourable John McVeigh MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and himself. I also invited Dr Wagner to consider having his visit to Queensland coincide with attending the AusBiotech conference in October 2013.
Meeting with LanzaTech

Date: Tuesday 23 April 2013

Time: 10.00am – 11.00am

Venue: Cuvee Room, Lobby Level, Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park, 200 North Columbus Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Attendees:
Mr Prabhakar Nair | Executive Vice President, Global Business Development, LanzaTech
Mr John Burgess | General Manager, LanzaTech Freedom Pines Biorefinery LLC
Ms Nicole Williamson | Country Head – Australia, LanzaTech
Professor Peter Gray | Director, Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology, University of Queensland
Professor Bob McCarthy | Advisor, Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology, University of Queensland

MATTERS DISCUSSED:
- LanzaTech was established in 2005 in New Zealand. They have expanded their international presence moving their headquarters to Chicago, USA from 2010.
- I learnt that the LanzaTech process can convert carbon monoxide containing gases produced by industries such as steel manufacturing, oil refining and chemical production, as well as gases generated by gasification of forestry and agricultural residues, municipal waste, and coal into valuable fuel and chemical products.
- We met to profile Queensland as a potential destination for future investment and commercial development by LanzaTech.
Meeting with Mr Jinzhen Wang, Vice Chairman, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade

Date: Tuesday 23 April 2013
Time: 11.30am – 12.15pm
Venue: Room S106B, McCormick Place, 2301 S Lake Shore Dr, Chicago

Attendees:
Mr Jinzhen Wang | Vice Chairman, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade
Mr Meng Wu | Divisional Director, Foreign Relationship, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade
Mr Zimeng Zhang | Secretary to Mr Wang, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade
Mr Zheng Zhao | Director, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade
Mr Ming Chen | Director, Science and Technology Division at Consulate-General of the People’s Republic of China in Chicago
Mr Qingqing Zhao | Consul at the Consulate-General of the People’s Republic of China in Chicago
Mr Mario Pennisi | CEO, Life Sciences Queensland

MATTERS DISCUSSED:

☐ We discussed ways to maximise opportunities between Chinese agencies and Queensland relevant to my portfolio, in particular exploring research and commercialisation opportunities for Queensland in China.

☐ I highlighted that I had commenced discussions with the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) to renew Queensland’s strategic science agreements.

☐ I also learnt that China’s strategic trade and development priorities are similar to Queensland’s four pillars; with agriculture considered the most important.

Mr Jinzhen Wang and Minister Walker
Visit to the DSM Pavilion, BIO Exhibition Hall

Date: Tuesday 23 April 2013
Time: 12.30pm – 1.00pm
Venue: DSM Pavilion, Booth 4367, Exhibition Hall C, McCormick Place, 2301 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois

OVERVIEW:

- I visited the DSM Pavilion and met with Ms Karen King, President, DSM Biologics.
- Visiting the DSM Pavilion provided a platform for me to acknowledge the Queensland Government’s support of the new DSM operations in Queensland.

Meeting with the Honourable Thomas Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, Alberta Government

Date: Tuesday 23 April 2013
Time: 3.00pm – 3.45pm
Venue: Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, 301 East North Water St, Chicago, Illinois

Attendees:
Hon. Thomas Lukaszuk | Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, Alberta Government
Mr Warren Singh | Chief of Staff, Office of the Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, Alberta Government
Mr David Morhart | Deputy Minister, Enterprise and Advanced Education, Alberta Government
Mr Mel Wong | Assistant Deputy Minister, Innovation and Advanced Technologies, Enterprise and Advanced Education, Alberta Government
Mr Hubert Eng | Branch Head, Life Sciences Industries, Alberta Government
Mr Farid Foroud | Manager, Life Sciences Industries, Alberta Government
Mr Mario Pennisi | CEO, Life Sciences Queensland

MATTERS DISCUSSED:

- I learnt that the economic priorities of Queensland and Alberta are similar.
- They are going to introduce ‘Campus Alberta’ to drive collaboration. This includes transfer of credits between universities, and students being able to take courses from different universities at the same time. They are also trying to elevate their applied research.
- I invited the Deputy Premier to send a delegation to the AusBiotech conference in Brisbane in 2013.
Australia New Zealand Networking Reception

Date: Tuesday 23 April 2013
Time: 4.45pm – 5.15pm
Venue: Australia New Zealand Pavilion, Booth 5248, Exhibition Hall C, McCormick Place, 2301 S Lake Shore Dr Chicago, Illinois

OVERVIEW:

- Key attendees included Mr Glenn Cross, Chief Operating Officer, AusBiotech and Dr George Slim, Chief Executive Officer, NZBIO.
- This was an informal meeting with representatives from Australia and New Zealand, and invited international delegates.

Global Leaders Reception

Date: Tuesday 23 April 2013
Time: 5.30pm – 7.00pm
Venue: Preston Bradley Hall, Chicago Cultural Center, 78 East Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois

OVERVIEW:

- This was an invitation only event bringing together other government officials, dignitaries and the BIO organisation.

Site visit to Centor

Date: Wednesday 24 April 2013
Time: 9.00am – 10.30am
Venue: Centor North America, 1206 Nagel Blvd, Batavia, Illinois

Attendees:
Mr Jim Thornton | President, Centor North America
Mr Paul Sorenson | Engineering Manager, Centor

OVERVIEW:

- During this site visit I was given an overview of the new manufacturing capabilities and market strategy for Centor’s expansion from Queensland into North America.
Meeting with Amgen Inc.

Date:       Wednesday 24 April 2013
Time:       11.30am – 12.00pm
Venue:      Room 2, Double Helix, Sponsor Meeting Room, McCormick Place, 2301 S Lake Shore Dr, Chicago, Illinois

Attendees:
Ms Laura Hamill | Regional Vice President and General Manager of Latin America, Canada, and Australia/New Zealand, Amgen Inc.
Ms Michelle Carrillo | Director, Government Affairs – Latin America, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, Amgen Inc.
Ms Catherine Robinson | Senior Manager, International Government Affairs, Amgen Inc.
Ms Sara Pantzer | Head of Government Affairs and Policy, Amgen Australia
Mr Mario Pennisi | CEO, Life Sciences Queensland

MATTERS DISCUSSED:

- We discussed potential for ongoing collaborations between Amgen and Queensland, in particular attracting more clinical trials to the State.
- We also discussed the current Pharmaceutical Patents Review by the Australian Federal Government.
- Ms Hamill expressed interest in potentially visiting Brisbane around the time of the AusBiotech conference in October 2013.

BIO 2013 Keynote Luncheon

Date:       Wednesday 24 April 2013
Time:       12.00pm – 1.30pm
Venue:      Hall B1, North Building, Level 3, McCormick Place, 2301 S Lake Shore Dr, Chicago, Illinois

OVERVIEW:

- Hosted on Amgen Inc.’s table
- Keynote Speakers were US Senator Alan Simpson, who served Majority Leader Bob Dole 1984-1994; and Mr Erskine Bowles, former Chief of Staff under President Clinton.
- Senator Simpson and Mr Bowles spoke about their joint proposal to reduce the growing US federal deficit, including addressing the significant spend on Medicare.
Site visit to 1871 Chicago

Date: Wednesday 24 April 2013
Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Venue: Hall B1, North Building, Level 3, McCormick Place, 2301 S Lake Shore Dr, Chicago, Illinois

Attendees:
Mr Steven Collens | Senior Vice President, The Pritzker Group

MATTERS DISCUSSED:

- The site visit to 1871 Chicago provided an overview of incubator models used at the year old facility, which could be duplicated or adopted to support Queensland entrepreneurs.
- 1871 Chicago is a strategic attempt to develop more innovation digital start-up companies, building on the significant education, research and business infrastructure of the city and wider State.
- They deliberately have the state’s four main local universities involved as these institutes do not normally collaborate. Local venture capital firms and networks are also now involved.
- They build collaboration through acceleration programs; developing the hi-tech small companies (individuals or small groups) which include:
  - Tech Stars
  - Impact Engine
  - Starter League – teach people who are not engineers to write code.
- There are 225 companies currently using the facility.

Attend ANZAC Day Service, Chicago

Date: Thursday 25 April 2013
Time: 7.30am – 9.30am
Venue: Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Cnr North Wabash Avenue and East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

OVERVIEW:

- The service was hosted by the Honourable Roger Price, Australian Consul-General in Chicago and Mr Edward A. Burkhardt, Honorary Consul for New Zealand.
- I participated in the service by delivering the Prayer of Remembrance and laying a wreath.
- The service was followed by a light breakfast.
Meeting and Site Visit – Lorna Jane

Date: Thursday 25 April 2013
Time: 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Venue: Santa Monica Place, 395 Santa Monica Place, Santa Monica, California

Attendees:
Ms Lorna Jane Clarkson | Founder and Creative Director, Lorna Jane
Mr Bill Clarkson | Managing Director, Lorna Jane

MATTERS DISCUSSED:

- Lorna Jane started in Brisbane 23 years ago from her house, has achieved success in Australia, and is now opening her 15th store in the USA.
Meeting & Site Visit with Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA)

Date: Thursday 25 April 2013  
Time: 5.00pm – 5.30pm  
Venue: Los Angeles County Museum of Art, 5905 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, California

Attendees:  
Ms Nancy Thomas | Deputy Director for Art Administration and Collections LACMA  
Ms Wendy Kaplan | Curator and Department Head, Decorative Arts and Design, LACMA  
Ms Miranda Carroll | Director of Communications

Matters Discussed:  
- I met the curators of the ‘California Design’ exhibition that will be shown exclusively at the Queensland Art Gallery between November 2013 and February 2014.

Dinner meeting with Australian Consul-General in Los Angeles

Date: Thursday 25 April 2013  
Time: 6.30pm – 8.00pm  
Venue: Café del Rey, 4451 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, California

Attendees:  
Ms Karen Lanyon | Australian Consul-General in Los Angeles  
Mr John Brenton | Vice Consul in Los Angeles

Matters Discussed:  
- We discussed ways Queensland can work with the Consul-General and leverage further productive relationships with California.