



**SEATH HOLSWICH MP – STATE MEMBER FOR PINE RIVERS**

## **QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE – ESTIMATES HEARING**

17<sup>th</sup> July 2013

### **QUEENSLAND SMALL BUSINESS WEEK**

**Mr HOLSWICH:** One of the stated objectives for 2013-14 for your department is delivering the inaugural Queensland Small Business Week. I know you have mentioned it already in response to a couple of questions, but I am just wondering whether you can expand on the importance of that week and how that investment from the Queensland government will benefit small businesses?

**Mrs STUCKEY:** I thank the honourable member. It is significant that this government is proving that small business is the backbone of our economy and we are recognising that through a number of activities and initiatives. The inaugural Queensland Small Business Week is certainly one of those. We will be delivering this from 24 to 31 July. The purpose is to promote the importance of small business to our economy, entice small

There are a range of activities and events planned for this week and I have already mentioned to the honourable member for Mount Isa that we will be hosting a forum out in his patch to bring together a lot of the business people from that region. We will have business breakfasts, we will have workshops, training, forums and webinars and capture third-party activities which target small businesses. The broad theme of the week though is to help small business have a big future and it is intended to link small business, government and the community. The approach to increasing the value to small business is to engage with potential event hosts and third-party organisations across the state to promote it and encourage as many events and activities as possible to be co-branded and, of course, to be able to be included on the Queensland Small Business Week events calendar.

A feature I have mentioned already

with a Council of Small Business of Australia 11th National Small Business Summit held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre from 24 to 25 July. We will be having a lot of hosts and third-party organisations attending these events, including state and federal government, local council, chambers of commerce, tertiary institutions, banks, industry groups, industry associations, business development organisations and libraries.