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GO CARD RETAILERS

 **Ms GRACE** (Brisbane Central—ALP) (3.05 pm): If go card was a music release, it would have reached multiplatinum with the recent sale of the two millionth card. Seven of the top go card sellers are located in my electorate of Brisbane Central. This milestone was not achieved alone. We have many supporters in the retail industry who are helping us to deliver go cards across all of South-East Queensland. I am very proud that many of the top sellers are located in my seat of Brisbane Central. Top-performing retailers have been recognised with multiplatinum plaques, because it is important to celebrate their success, as supporting all our retail agents is vital for the continued success of the go card. We now have the largest smart card retail network in Australia.

The retailers who have made go card a success in Brisbane Central, who were awarded plaques just recently by me, were Supanews Myer Centre level E, Supanews Central Station, Supanews Myer Centre level A, Rankins on the Mall, City Mall News in Queen Street and 7-Eleven in the Brisbane CBD. They are top performers. The plaques we presented them with are gorgeous and I know that they are hanging with pride in those stores. They have been very helpful in ensuring the continued success of go card.

There are other recent milestones for go card. Go cards are used for more than three million trips per week and are used for more than 80 per cent of weekday travel on the TransLink network. There are more than 500,000 registered go cards, and more than 100,000 customers are using auto top-up services. There are now 560 locations at which people can buy go cards and more than 1,500 places where they can be topped up. That is excellent news not only for residents in Brisbane Central but also for those who travel to Brisbane and want to have the luxury of using a go card on the network. This is a great system. It is helping deliver access to public transport. As we know, if you can access public transport you can get around.