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 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (12.07 pm), continuing: In continuing my contribution on the Economics and Governance Committee estimates report, what was also clear from the estimates process was that the Labor government had not in a timely manner progressed recommendations and strategies with respect to youth sexual violence and abuse. However, I will give credit where it is due: a refreshed ‘closing the gap’ agenda with an annual report card and statement to parliament is an important mechanism for improving the educational, employment and health outcomes of Indigenous Queenslanders.

Whilst also involving a number of different portfolios and departments, I do believe there is an important leadership responsibility and opportunity for the current Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships to drive integrated demand reduction, supply reduction and harm minimisation strategies involving alcohol, tobacco, illicit drug and other substances, particularly given the Deputy Premier, the Hon. Jackie Trad MP, the member for South Brisbane, is also the Treasurer.

Finally, my electorate of Moggill desperately needs an investment of state government infrastructure funding to resolve traffic congestion on Moggill Road, improve classrooms, increase hall capacity and provide better library facilities at Kenmore State High School, and provide real strategies to grow jobs and ease cost-of-living pressures. Unfortunately, Labor has failed to deliver for Moggill not only in this year’s budget but also in every one of its budgets since the initial election of the Palaszczuk Labor government in 2015.

In conclusion, I acknowledge all members of the committee, the secretariat and all the parliamentary staff for their work in preparation for the estimates hearings process.