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 **Mr WHITING** (Bancroft—ALP) (2.27 pm): I will talk about something positive about the Commonwealth Games, something we need to hear. I am preparing the residents of Bancroft to embrace the Commonwealth Games and help them on the way to the Gold Coast. I am telling them that the best way to get to the games is on our public transport system and on the Redcliffe railway line. The games journey planner is their go-to tool to get them to the games without fuss or worry. The games journey planner app has all the information they need on tram, train, bus and shuttle services. All they need do in my area is enter where they are leaving—Rothwell or Mango Hill station, for example—put in the event and session they are attending and they are told exactly how to get there. It will be quick. There will be 24/7 light rail with six-minute frequency during peak event periods; 24/7 rail with on average trains every 10 minutes or better; 24/7 high-frequency shuttle bus services linking major venues and precincts; and an extra 4,000 daily bus services.

I not only want to tell local residents about ways to get to the games, I want to tell them about the achievement of our state—that is, the transport system to the games. I want to tell them about the Palaszczuk government's billion dollar investment in transport infrastructure on the Gold Coast, including \$420 million for light rail, \$163 million for duplication of heavy rail and over \$350 million on Gold Coast road upgrades. Queenslanders need to hear more from LNP members opposite about how to get to the games and about the great games' achievements in terms of transport infrastructure. Members opposite are not saying much because the LNP did little in government to prepare the coast for games transport.

As we heard here on Tuesday, the Commonwealth Games legacy from the previous LNP government was meagre, nonexistent—ignored the M1, did nothing to build stage 2 of Gold Coast Light Rail, did nothing on the duplication of heavy rail from Helensvale to Coomera. But it is not too late for those opposite to get on board. They can still show that they support the games—the biggest event in Queensland. They can still get the word out about how people can use public transport to get to the games.

I am told that the member for Surfers Paradise is the only one on the coast who has posted about the journey planner. I invite them to go and perhaps do the same.

Mrs Stuckey interjected.

Mr WHITING: Good.

Mr MOLHOEK: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The member is misleading the House. Many of us have posted about the journey planner.

Mrs Stuckey interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Member for Currumbin, you have had several warnings now. The next time I have to speak to you, you will be formally warned under the standing orders. Member for Southport, if you have issues or problems with what the member is saying, then I suggest you write to the Speaker and address it through that means.

Mr WHITING: I welcome the update and I acknowledge that they have got on board and are finally doing something to let people know how to get to the games. I want to hear them urging Queenslanders to support this wonderful opportunity. I want to hear them talking up the games. I want them to encourage Queenslanders to get the last of the tickets available to these events and I urge them to join with us and prompt people to come along to the baton relay to cheer on our great Queensland baton holders.