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 **Ms PUGH** (Mount Ommaney—ALP) (3.03 pm): Ho, ho, ho, Mr Deputy Speaker. The residents of Mount Ommaney are on the nice list this year and they have a few goodies coming their way from Santa. First off the rank is the Sumner Road upgrade. I was so excited to drive over the Sumner Road overpass on Monday on my way to parliament and see that the vegetation clearing to get this project started is well and truly underway. What looked like about 10 workers were there in hi-vis. It is fantastic to see this work underway after my community has waited so very long to see this project come to fruition. The bonus is that the new design has been recently released and it features four new lanes and two new bridges. It will triple the capacity of the existing Sumner Road overpass which is fantastic news. The existing bridge will eventually be demolished with a new two-lane bridge to be constructed by late 2020 and the second four-lane bridge to be opened in 2021. Cyclists also have reason to share in the Christmas cheer with a new grade separated cycleway meaning no more beg buttons, keeping traffic moving faster and cyclists safer.

Secondly, land acquisition is progressing well for the Darra park-and-ride, with the final outcome due to be delivered with an extra 181 car parks in roughly 2020. More car parks means fewer cars on the road. It is good news for all.

Finally there is a fire station upgrade at Mount Ommaney. This million dollar project is rapidly nearing completion, with the upgraded and revamped station due to open very early in the New Year. In the interim our wonderful fireys have been operating from the temporary station at Seventeen Mile Rocks. I also take this opportunity to pass on my most sincere thank you to those lovely men and women. We have had a lot of house fires in Mount Ommaney over the last few years and the fireys really have done a wonderful job.

That is what Santa is delivering for Mount Ommaney, but what are we, the residents of Mount Ommaney, getting for each other? I am launching the 12 Days of Christmas campaign to continue to advocate for small business and encourage locals to buy local and think outside the box. What I mean by that is to make sure we are not just buying things for the sake of it. This year I am challenging myself to only buy things that people need.

My mum and dad have a little ant problem so for them I am calling in the experts. Gavin Shill from All Year Pest Solutions will sort them out. My partner is getting a photo—a beautifully printed image from Brilliant Prints in Seventeen Mile Rocks. It is likely that from my parents he will be the lucky recipient of more silly socks from Millie Jones Corinda. They are silly, but he wears them with pride and I love him for it. My beautiful children, Heath and Allegra, are getting the best gift of all—some good books and some quality time with mum as I enjoy reading with them. A Page Or Two secondhand book store at Corinda has some lovely titles and I will be dropping by to grab them a few classics and curl up for a cuddle. But what will I be getting? Christmas has come early for me because I have four awesome postcodes.

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