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Electric Scooters, Lime

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (10.08 am): Electric scooters have proven popular in cities around the world. We have recently learned that South-East Queensland is on the radar of companies looking to bring their services to our region. Cheap and accessible electric scooters will give people another travel option, particularly on the last section of the journey to work or home on public transport. This proposed investment in Queensland is an exciting proposition. One of the more well known companies operating in this space is of course Lime.

Lime launched in January 2017 and operates in over 80 international locations offering electric scooters and bikes for hire. Lime users find, unlock and pay for the device using an app. Instead of using docking stations like bike-share schemes, including the yellow share bikes we see around Brisbane, Lime users leave their scooters at their final destination. Lime's electric scooters have a 250-watt motor and can reach speeds of up to 27 kilometres per hour. This means that they do not currently comply with Queensland laws and regulations. However, the Palaszczuk government is keen to facilitate and fast-track this new mobility service. We are reviewing laws and regulations now and expect to have that review finished before Christmas.

Lime has signalled its wish to conduct a pilot in Brisbane this weekend and we support the pilot happening in a safe and responsible way. I will be inviting Lime to meet with my department today to discuss options, including offering a temporary exemption from our regulations so that we can support their pilot.

We see the benefits of businesses like Lime and will work with those businesses to make sure that what they offer can be enjoyed by Queenslanders and visitors to our state. People will be keen to give Lime a go, so we urge those people who use their service to wear a helmet, stay safe and respect other commuters.