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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (7.00 pm): Last sitting week I began to list the fails by this Labor government specifically relating to the Coomera electorate. I did not go anywhere near finishing the list as there is so much to outline in so little time. The list keeps growing too. Labor sold our assets. I table this list as absolute proof of that.

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We see Labor allowing a drug kingpin to have a lavish wedding in prison. We see their failure in rushing to legislate to move 17-year-olds into juvenile detention. It was rushed and botched and there was nowhere to put them. As a result, we now see our kids, some as young as 10, in danger within our prison system—yes, our prison system. It is not juvenile detention when the people overseeing their incarceration are not fully trained specifically for the task of looking after kids. The damage—both physical, as we have heard, and psychological—is horrendous. The research confirms that most of these kids are going to be broken and damaged for years to come, if not for the rest of their lives. Labor are setting these kids up for failure by subjecting them to this inhumane treatment—and they are years away from a solution.

I mentioned the rail fail last week. There are still 440 services down. I mentioned two hospital failures last week as well, with the minister taking three months to respond to an urgent case. Sadly, that lady has now passed. We see uni students copping \$261 fines for parking at overfull park-and-rides. From my own inspections, I see upwards of 100 cars parked informally at Coomera and Ormeau park-and-rides. We see the suburban bus route fail, with many unable to catch a bus to the stations. They do not run long enough on each route and there are not enough routes on the northern Gold Coast.

That brings us to the third fail in this trilogy: first, the park-and-ride fail; second, the bus service fail; and, third, the exits 41, 45 and 49 fail. All we hear is, 'We're planning.' They have been planning for more than four years. The message from the people of the northern Gold Coast is: stop planning and start building. That is for the exits and the park-and-rides. The member for Forde, Bert van Manen, has committed \$50 million for exits 41 and 49 from federal government coffers. Where is this minister's contribution? We have not seen one dollar. The federal member has also committed \$15 million for Coomera station—and not one dollar from this minister.

Where do I start with the police? Before the 2017 election, this Premier promised 44 additional police for the Gold Coast. How is that going? Well, we went backwards last time I checked, and I do not know where we are now. We certainly have not got the 44 that were promised. Coomera Police Station is under huge pressure, with police doing an amazing job with severely limited resources. The union will tell you that it is a workplace health and safety issue, and that is what I am hearing on the ground. I hear that the RAP squad is being recalled from Coomera, and there are so many officers on recreation

leave, sick leave and long service leave. I heard it said the other day—yes, by a police officer—that they have been told that the population is up by more than 30 per cent, calls for service are up by more than 30 per cent and police numbers are up by zero per cent.

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