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## ADJOURNMENT

### Jordan Electorate, Achievements

 **Mrs MULLEN** (Jordan—ALP) (7.28 pm): Recently I received some letters from the year 5 students of St Augustine's College who are learning about government. There was one question that a number of students asked that I found most interesting. They asked, 'How long does it take to change things?' That is not the easiest question to answer, I know, but as I reflect on my first term in this parliament I feel fortunate for the changes that I have been able to achieve with the support of our community in Jordan.

When I was elected there were a number of longstanding issues that needed to be addressed and, with our Labor government, I am ticking them off one by one. In the next few weeks, we begin construction on one of the biggest park-and-ride facilities Queensland has ever seen—\$44.5 million delivering 1,100 carparks in the station precinct. The Centenary Highway-Logan Motorway interchange has been a congestion hotspot for many years. I have secured the \$15 million we need to upgrade this interchange, with construction to begin in the next year.

We are delivering the first bus service ever for Greenbank and Flagstone after many years of requests and helping to secure \$20 million for a business case to progress the Beaudesert to Salisbury passenger rail line, which will be an absolute game changer for the Greater Flagstone region. We are significantly improving bus services in Gales, Camira and Greater Springfield, and finally building that bus interchange at Springfield station, whilst also delivering a brand new bus service for Spring Mountain.

We are listening to families and delivering air conditioning to all our state schools and building new classrooms and facilities for our growing schools, from Camira to Flagstone. Every school has seen improvements this term. We are supporting our non-government schools with significant state government funding for their infrastructure as well. We opened a brand new school in the growing Spring Mountain area and we are building a new primary school in Greenbank—the first school to be built in this area in 127 years. We are investigating new high school sites for both Greater Springfield and Greenbank—something I have pushed hard with the education department and with the support of our community.

We achieved more funding for the Mount Lindesay Highway and we are finalising the \$1.2 billion subregional infrastructure agreement that will ensure Greater Flagstone gets the upgraded roads that are long overdue.

That is just a snapshot of change that has been achieved in the Jordan electorate in less than three years, but there is more I want to do, particularly in bringing more public health services and community social services into the Jordan electorate. This is really important to me, particularly our community services. As our community grows it is very important to me.

Those opposite will make commitments that will be unfunded—in fact, \$23 billion worth—and that will never see the light of day. I always said to my community, 'I will only ever promise you what I know I can deliver.' To those students who ask, 'How long does it take to change things?' I say, 'With hard work and honesty, not as long as you think.'