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 **Mrs MULLEN** (Jordan—ALP) (6.03 pm): I am incredibly honoured to represent the Jordan electorate, which is a vibrant, fast growing electorate. The last month has been particularly busy in our region, and I am very excited to provide an update to the House. I will need to go quickly to fit it all in.

We have a very impressive new building at our growing Springfield Central State High School. Only very recently completed, this brand new \$11.9 million building is a truly beautiful space and includes: 12 new learning spaces; three science labs; four specialist learning spaces; one multimedia room; not one, but two dance studios—reminiscent of that classic movie *Flashdance*—one staff room; and two head-of-department offices. I am so proud to have worked closely with our school community on getting this project delivered, which I know will support the educational aspirations of our students for many years to come.

In the state budget we announced a brand new primary school for Augustine Heights to open in 2023. This week I was pleased to confirm that the Queensland Department of Education has purchased land at 12 Purser Road, Augustine Heights. This site has been selected to respond to growing student numbers in both the Augustine Heights and Redbank Plains areas, and I cannot wait to share further updates with our community as plans progress.

My community knows that the Centenary Highway and Logan Motorway interchange upgrade is absolutely vital, and I was so pleased that I could secure \$15 million to begin resolving this well-known congestion hotspot. I was able to inform our community very recently that Aurecon has now been awarded the contract for the detailed design of this project. I know this is a much anticipated infrastructure project, and a detailed design is expected to be completed in early 2022 before we progress to the construction phase of the project.

In the same vein, last week I got a sneak peek into Queensland's largest park-and-ride project in Springfield Central. Our brand new \$44.5 million facility will have five levels of parking, provide 1,100 carparks across the precinct and cater to the many commuters who currently use Springfield central station. ADCO Constructions has done the final concrete pour on the rooftop level and is now concentrating on the impressive and fairly unique double helix ramp. We are on track to open in early 2022.

There is exciting news for our Flagstone community as well with the news that the Queensland government will fund \$31 million for the expansion of New Beith Road and Teviot Road. This has been a welcome announcement, particularly for existing residents in Flagstone, who rely on one road in and out of the community. This will now begin the much needed second access road.

Only this week we have been able to announce Saturday services for our 535 bus route for Flagstone and Greenbank residents. I know this is something that our commuters have wanted and will be particularly helpful for young people in the area seeking part-time jobs and recreation activities. As the member for Townsville said, 'What a feeling!' As I indicated, there is so much happening in our Jordan community and it is all thanks to the Palaszczuk Labor government.