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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (7.14 pm): In the state seat of Coomera, the list of needs that we continue to fight for is long. Unfortunately, on the main list there are only a few ticked off. There are some delayed with question marks next to them as to how long they have to go. Then there are those matters which are simply not happening anytime soon.

The evidence of the needs in the northern Gold Coast are probably best demonstrated by using a couple of graphs, one of which I will table. I am sure that Coomera has the largest number of students going to school of any electorate in Queensland. We have 19,086 students going to 22 schools in the Coomera electorate in 2021. That is up more than 1,100 students on 2020. Since 2010, the number has almost doubled. That is excluding those students who go to school just outside the electorate. I table that for interest of the House.

Tabled paper: Graph, undated, depicting the increase in school enrolments comparing school census days [301](#).

The second graph demonstrates the monumental growth of the Coomera electorate compared with all of the surrounding electorates, including Broadwater, Logan, Macalister, Redlands, Scenic Rim and Theodore. The graph is quite dramatic. I table that for the purposes of showing those opposite and other interested members.

Tabled paper: Graph, undated, titled 'Figure 2 Deviation from average Queensland electoral district enrolment, Coomera SED and surrounding SEDs, August 2016 to February 2021' [300](#).

The massive growth is there. Sadly, some of the correspondence from the office of the Minister for Transport is somewhat lacking, somewhat off the mark and somewhat inaccurate. I will highlight such a case. I recall speaking to the minister quite some time ago about the 722 service. We had some success with that, and I thank the minister for listening to the local member rather than the advisers who were giving him inaccurate information.

One of my constituents wrote to the minister regarding bus service 729. He complained the same way as I have been complaining to the minister for a long time about not being able to catch a bus to the train station in the morning and to catch a bus home in the afternoon. The example was a classic: the last 729 bus leaves Ormeau Railway Station at 5.02 pm. This makes it literally impossible. I table that letter for the interest of the House.

Tabled paper: Extract from TransLink bus timetable for bus route number 729 [302](#).

The most amazing thing was the response my constituent received from the minister's office—that they understand there is a lot of growth in Coomera. This was about the Beenleigh-Ormeau bus service, nothing to do with the Coomera bus service.

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