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## ADJOURNMENT

### Coomera Special School; Health Services; Police Resources

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (7.23 pm): I rise to advise the House that recently I had the pleasure of doing a tour of the new Coomera Special School in the state seat of Coomera with the new principal, Kate Hucker. It was a long time coming and a little bit of organisation was needed, but it was a great tour. We noted that there is a desperate need for a set of traffic lights on Foxwell Road at the entrance to the new school. We will definitely need that for this special school. With so many buses coming in and out of the school, we cannot rely on the traffic on Foxwell Road. It is so busy at all times of the day, let alone around school drop-off and pick-up times. The project manager advised me that their target date for the completion of the project is late November/early December, which is absolutely wonderful. It is going to give Kate plenty of time to get in there and fully fit the place out and do what she needs to do in that regard.

Moving on from that, I met with Ian Langdon regarding the hospital for Coomera. The meeting was very positive. We agreed that we need a short-term, medium-term and long-term strategy for the northern Gold Coast with the massive growth there. We need to get some of the services that simply are not there at the moment. An example of that is the special buses that pick up people and transport them to cancer treatment. It can be a four-hour round trip once they travel to the Coomera electorate and pick up people from Pimpama or Ormeau or wherever it might be and then take them to their cancer treatments. In that time those same buses can transport anywhere between four and six patients, so it is not affordable for those sorts of things to continue in the long term. We do need some short-term, medium-term and long-term fixes. We will continue to work with Ian Langdon and Gold Coast University Hospital and the health board in that regard.

It is great news that the police station is now well underway. As I have mentioned before, it is a project that was hard fought for; the local community fought hard to get the police station in the first place. It is well and truly underway. Also there are 36 additional, absolutely brand new police officers for the northern Gold Coast that were also hard fought for. None of them are coming from other police stations in the area—none from Coomera, Beenleigh or any of the other stations. It was great news to see that. It was hard fought for, once again, by the community. It is going to take the number of police on the northern Gold Coast to more than a hundred and it is desperately needed.

I will conclude by saying that if every other arm of government was doing as well as Education Queensland in the state seat of Coomera, it would be amazing.