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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (10.02 am): Queensland is powering towards a cleaner, greener energy supply. Clean energy and renewable projects are in the pipeline under our Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan, which will create 100,000 jobs across the state in new industries, especially in regional Queensland. It even includes pumped hydro with a new dam in the Pioneer Valley in North Queensland.

A huge part of this energy transition is the transformation and decarbonisation of Queensland's transport sector. Without any support from the former Morrison-Morrison-Morrison-Morrison government, the Palaszczuk Labor government—

Ms Grace: Two more!

Mr BAILEY: There were more, but for the sake of brevity. As I was saying, the Palaszczuk Labor government was the first state to release a Zero Emission Vehicle Strategy, and look at Queensland go now. We have gone from 500 registered fully electric vehicles in Queensland a few years ago to now more than 11,000 and growing and we have one of the longest electric vehicle superhighways in one state in the world.

A few weeks ago it was a privilege to be in Longreach alongside my colleague the Minister for Communities and Housing and the Assistant Minister for Local Government to commission the second of 24—two dozen—electric vehicle chargers being delivered across Western Queensland. Within 12 months or so, Queenslanders in Western Queensland towns will have the electric vehicle infrastructure enjoyed currently by those in coastal cities and South-East Queensland for local residents and of course for electric vehicle driving travellers and tourists. That is not only good for our environment; it is good for Western Queensland economies and jobs thanks to this Palaszczuk Labor government.

Even more electric vehicle chargers will be switched on in the coming months in places like Charters Towers, Hughenden, Dingo, Barcaldine and Blackall, and we are not stopping there. Electric buses are progressively rolling out right across the state as we charge towards our zero emission bus targets. Five new electric buses will be welcomed on the Sunshine Coast by our members for Caloundra and Nicklin and we have 10 more ready to go to hit the roads on the Gold Coast in the coming month. Each of these buses will save as many as 1,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases over their life span. The decarbonisation of transport in Queensland has begun because this government is committed to clean energy and it is committed to new technology and to action on climate change essential for economic growth.

On a different topic, with regard to Optus, I want to acknowledge the tireless work of our Transport and Main Roads Customer Service staff who have been helping Optus customers get their new driver's licences and new driver's licence numbers. Regrettably, we have been told that as many as

660,000 Queensland licences have been caught up in the data breach which is really adding to the workload of our staff. I want to thank them for their continued efforts and also to Queenslanders who have been affected who have shown incredible patience with and kindness to our staff. We have had more than 62,000 requests to date and I want to thank the customers for working with our staff in a difficult situation. The numbers will continue to grow, but the efforts of our staff and the cooperation of our customers has been noteworthy and I thank them all.