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 **Mrs MULLEN** (Jordan—ALP) (7.20 pm): The last sitting of the year is an opportunity to reflect and, as always for the Jordan electorate, it has been a massive 2023 when it comes to our government's Big Build. It is hard to fit everything into three minutes, so this is really just the highlights reel.

We began the year with the opening of our brand new \$80 million primary school in Augustine Heights, Woogaroo Creek State School. It is an absolute credit to Principal Kendall Seccombe and her team in what has been a wonderful first year for our newest school. Education is an absolute priority for our community and our government is delivering. We have new classrooms and updated facilities on their way at Flagstone State School, Spring Mountain State School, Greenbank State School, Camira State School, Springfield Central State High School and Woodcrest State College. Thank you, Minister Grace. We are also supporting some of our independent schools with funding support for St Peters Lutheran College and the Springfield Anglican College.

In health, our government is delivering a record investment in ensuring we are providing more health services closer to home. This year, we officially broke ground on the brand new Mater Springfield public hospital, a partnership between the Queensland government and Mater Health Services. Construction is now fully underway with two massive cranes in the Springfield skies building our new hospital that will deliver 174 new public beds, a much needed emergency department, intensive care, more operating theatres and maternity services through the much loved Mater Mother's.

In Flagstone, we have also expanded our child health clinic and brought a perinatal health service to this growing part of the Jordan electorate. Twelve minutes from Springfield, we now have the brand new Ripley Satellite Hospital, which is a fantastic new health facility and is beginning to take pressure off the busy Ipswich Hospital emergency department. I am also looking forward to the imminent opening of the new acute mental health unit in Ipswich, such an important health facility that will provide 50 beds for our region, and only last week the Minister for Health announced a brand new \$7 million eating disorder service for Ipswich. Thank you, Minister Fentiman.

It has also been a big year for road infrastructure in Jordan. We completed the \$15 million Centenary Motorway and Logan Motorway interchange, an important commitment that I made. It has been an absolute game changer for the morning commute into the city for our community. We are also halfway through our \$6.5 million upgrade of the Centenary Motorway exit 32 project, which will increase from two lanes to four lanes. Our government has also supported Ipswich City Council's massive upgrade of the Springfield Parkway and Springfield Greenbank Arterial Project with \$3.8 million in funding. Thank you, Minister Bailey. In Flagstone, work has begun on the extension of Teviot Road. Our government has committed \$11 million towards that project through our Catalyst Infrastructure Fund and we continue to support the developer Peet in the extension of New Beith Road with funding of \$20 million.

It has been a massive year. There is plenty more to come in 2024 and it is only made possible through our Labor government's Big Build.