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TRANSPORT REPORT TAKE NOTE

Mr WEIR (Condamine—LNP) (3.58 pm): I rise to speak to the Transport and Resources Committee report on Auditor-General report No. 5 of 2021-22 on renewable energy which was tabled on 5 December 2022. If this government rolls out renewable energy at the pace it rolls legislation through this House, it has no hope of reaching these targets. The report makes a number of recommendations that go to transparency and accountability, particularly around the reporting of the renewable energy that is being generated in this state.

One of the main recommendations was for the government to publish a detailed public statement of how Queensland's renewable energy target is defined and measured. Over the last couple of years we have asked a couple of questions on this. When this report was handed down in 2021 it showed a 19 per cent generation of renewable energy. The Audit Office stated that it was very unclear as to where that energy was coming from. The report goes on to recommend that the government updates its calculation of progress against the target to fully account for all relevant renewable energy and report more information on actual renewable energy generation split by how it was generated, for example, whether it was wind, whether it was solar or other sources. The minister stated in estimates that it is around 25 per cent now, but we would be very interested in seeing how he arrives at that 25 per cent. What period of time is he saying that is 25 per cent generation of renewable energy?