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 **Mr MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (2.06 pm): We have come to the end of a parliamentary sitting year, which is also the end of the academic year for thousands and thousands of schoolkids around the state, so I thought it was only appropriate at this juncture to give a report card to the House on the actions of the member for Miller, the transport and main roads minister. Let us go through his report card for the last 12 months.

Let us start off with one that we obviously have to: Cross River Rail. The government announced the official cost blowout of \$960 million. I would say: stay tuned for that one in the coming academic years. It is going to be way, way more than that. We know that the actual cost blowout is going to be probably in the vicinity of, wait for it—we'll come back to that next year, member for Miller. Minister Bailey—the genius in relation to project time sequencing that he is—forgot to order the trains.

Let us move on to something else on the curriculum: the school zone speed cameras. The minister made a big announcement about them being introduced but, whoops, something happened on the way to Damascus and someone forgot to tell the minister that they were not actually turned on. Let us move on to driver revive. That was shut. That would be a big cut; they were cut. They were shut down. There were delays. We go on and on.

The Coomera Connector is months and months behind schedule. As for the Beams Road open level crossing, I will probably do another 12 media TV interviews at Beams Road in the first nine months of next year. That is promised every single election by the failed transport minister, the member for Sandgate and the member for Aspley. They just simply airbrush the DL brochure from two elections ago. That is so old news.

Let us move on with the report card to the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program. That was, admittedly, only a tiny failure with his arithmetic; that was only \$2.4 billion. That was under the radar and he tried to sneak that one through. He thought he hit it through the covers but, whoops, he was busted, found out again and reported to the principal.

It goes on. We need to know more about the trains coming from South Korea and the so-called flat pack trains. Just how much of them will be actually built under the watch of the minister and, of course, his erstwhile assistant, the appropriately dressed member for Maryborough?

Mr BAILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The member ought to be very careful about misleading the House.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Martin): It is not an opportunity to debate. There is no point of order.

Mr MINNIKIN: Let's continue the report card—there is more to go through. The state emergency vehicle priority system giving ambulances a green light is very important. They were actually down for months and months, and that is probably amongst a litany of big failures. We need to show this minister the door in '24.