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 **Hon. BA MICKELBERG** (Buderim—LNP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (10.07 am): This morning I want to take time to acknowledge the many Queenslanders whose lives have been impacted by the weather events over the last few days, firstly with ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred and then with the subsequent flooding and rain. I know that for so many Queenslanders this is another reminder of how quickly Mother Nature can turn, and how important it is to be prepared for these kinds of moments.

I hope that Queenslanders can take comfort from the fact that the Crisafulli government was well prepared to manage the challenges presented over the last few days. We did not underestimate the work needed to safely and efficiently respond as issues arose and the weather deteriorated, working closely with the state Disaster Management Centre to ensure that our road and transport infrastructure and, most importantly, our people were well equipped and backed in to get the job done in a way that Queenslanders rightly expect.

That is why I want to acknowledge, and echo the sentiment of the Premier and other ministers, the remarkable way that officers from my department, and indeed many others, stepped up in the response to these events. Over the last few days, I have seen some outstanding examples of collaboration and community across our responses, from working to ensure that Energex were enabled and empowered to recover the electrical network to providing on-the-ground, real-time intelligence where access was needed to areas without power.

When the substation at Banyo was nearly inundated, TMR officers were called to assist. Our RoadTek crews worked with QPS, the Brisbane City Council, Energex and others to place a dam wall around the structure and to pump the water out. This prevented a significant number of homes from losing power and, in turn, played a part in softening the blow of Alfred for many residents.

Our road teams responded to 752 call-outs for support across Brisbane, the Gold Coast, the Sunshine Coast and the Southern Downs and more than 14,000 hours have been worked during this time. That contribution cannot be understated as they worked night and day, in spite of the difficult conditions, to ensure that our road and transport network was trafficable and safe.

I want to take a moment to thank every single one of our staff who stepped up in responding to these events. I could not be more proud of the efforts of our RoadTek staff who worked around the clock to open roads and to make them safe in the most difficult of conditions. I want to thank them because I know what their contributions have given us. In the south-east, we had 495 signalised intersections impacted, of which more than two-thirds were back to operational as of yesterday. Countless roads have been cleared and made safe. In the space of a couple of days, our crews have gone above and beyond to return normalcy to our part of the world—and that is something we should be proud of.

I can also confirm that, thanks to the hard work of our Queensland Rail and Translink team and our delivery partners, we have resumed public transport services, with most areas back to normal timetables. Some services will operate with diversions as we deal with localised recovery efforts, and I thank passengers for their patience and understanding during this time. We are working closely with our delivery partners to restore full service for all public transport customers as quickly and as safely as possible.

Queenslanders are a resilient bunch, and I know that they can get through anything. These past few days have shown exactly that. I assure every Queenslander that they now have a government, in the Crisafulli government, that has their back in these times of uncertainty. The job is far from over, though. I want Queenslanders to know that the Crisafulli government will have their back as we transition to recovery as well.