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Appropriation Bill

Governance, Energy and Finance Committee, Report

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Lister): The question is—

That the report of the Governance, Energy and Finance Committee be adopted.

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (12.32 pm): I rise to make a contribution to the debate of report No. 12, *2025-26 budget estimates—Appropriation Bill 2025*, of the Governance, Energy and Finance Committee. The responsibilities for our committee are to look at the appropriations specifically for the Premier and Minister for Veterans; the Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership; and the Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training. I intend to just brush over some of the findings from those particular ministers. With regard to the recommendation of the committee, the report states—

The committee recommends that the proposed expenditure, as detailed in the Appropriation Bill 2025 for the committee's areas of responsibility, be agreed to by the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

I think that is a very important point that needs to be made.

Turning now to the Premier's contribution, may I be so bold as to say that it was an outstanding contribution, because a lot of it was spent talking about the state seat of Coomera. I was so pleased to hear my neighbour just across the Coomera River, the Premier, talking about what we were doing in the state seat of Coomera, after a decade of negligence by those opposite when they were in government. First of all he spoke—he waxed lyrical, you could even say—about exit 45 and the fact that we will be delivering exit 45. The amazing notification that I received just the other day was that they are undertaking an expression of interest, calling for someone to do the planning and the drawings to work out exactly how we are going to build exit 45. At the same time, they are already doing the geotechnical work. I am also aware that we will be asking Canberra for a bit of a contribution towards exit 45.

Exit 54, which is Foxwell Road, is indeed the second busiest road on the Gold Coast. A lot of work has to be done on exit 54 and the surrounds, both north and south of exit 54. In terms of the amount of work that has to be undertaken there to resolve the problems, the commitment in the budget and the commitment in the election was that we will do the planning for that and we will work out how we are going to go about fixing it.

Stage 2 of the Coomera Connector is going along as well. Yes, we have the opening of stage 1 north. By the way, stage 1 north is opening 10 months early because of the intervention of the Crisafulli government in the way that it was brought—

Mrs Poole: Hear, hear—on time and on budget!

Mr CRANDON: Yes, thank you—well and truly ahead of budget and back to being on time. It is opening 10 months earlier than it would have been under the Labor government, so that is something that we were able to do.

The Coomera Hospital was also an important aspect of the commitment for us to fix the problem. Sadly, it is going to be a massive blowout because of the mismanagement of those opposite over the years. After four years, all we have is elevator towers coming up out of the ground—it took them four years to get to that—but we will fix that. We will deliver 600 hospital beds instead of 400 hospital beds as promised by those opposite. We will deliver a hospital that is needed on the northern Gold Coast in its entirety.

The big one for the Treasurer was the introduction of the Productivity Commission and the work it is doing, and the first cab off the rank for the Productivity Commission was an inquiry into opportunities to improve the productivity of the Queensland construction industry. I hear everyone say, 'Hear, hear!'

Government members: Hear, hear.

Mr CRANDON: That is what we need. We need some answers in that regard.

The last one from the finance minister—the biggie from the finance minister—was to announce \$403,000 towards Esuarve on the northern Gold Coast for continuing its work. It is worth mentioning Ari Travis, the South-East Queensland Vocational Student of the Year from Esuarve. He is going up against all others at the Queensland Training Awards in September.

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