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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENTS**

**Albert Electorate, Initiatives**

 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Albert—LNP) (2.58 pm): I rise here today to update the House on the wonderful electorate of Albert, the gateway to the Gold Coast and the great south-east. Certainly, in recent times the Albert electorate has had some very positive outcomes, especially when it comes to the flashing school zone lights project. Just recently the Mount Warren Park State School and the Beenleigh Special School received flashing school zone lights. The community got behind this initiative and we had a petition going, so I thank the community for their support on this issue. The ladies who work at the crossing at the local school were absolutely and utterly ecstatic about having these new flashing school zone lights.

Since the election the electorate of Albert has managed to receive a total of six flashing school zone lights: in Mount Warren Park State School, Beenleigh Special School, Coomera Springs State School, Coomera Anglican College, Upper Coomera State College and St Stephen's College. Coomera Springs was a very vocal school in pushing to get these flashing school zone lights because they saw the safety benefits.

I would like to acknowledge again the Minister for Education, John-Paul Langbroek, with regard to the new funding deal with the federal government. This funding deal has put our schools back on the map. It will provide an additional \$99 million for our state primary schools, which works out to be, on average, \$508 per student. In the Albert electorate we have managed to maintain about \$2.1 million of that funding, which will go a long way to helping out our local schools.

Lastly, I would like to put on the record of the House that recently I visited the Coomera Police Station to see the hardworking men and women in blue. As a sign of the local community's appreciation for their hard work and endeavours, I awarded them a certificate of appreciation. Their outstanding service to our community can sometimes be a thankless job. I wanted to make sure that they realise that the Albert community is 100 per cent behind them. Senior Sergeant Andrew Godbold has done a fantastic job. The additional resources they have received in the last 18 to 20 months are certainly making a huge difference.