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 **Hon. G GRACE** (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (10.49 pm): Brisbane Central has long been home to Queensland's leading healthcare and medical research facilities. The Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital at Herston is undoubtedly the state's leading healthcare hub, providing world-class services to both local residents and patients from throughout the state.

The exciting new \$1.1 billion Herston Quarter project is set to transform the RBWH campus and surrounding precinct, taking it to a whole new level. The result will be an innovative, master planned, world-class health precinct unlike any other Queensland has ever seen. Iconic heritage buildings like the Lady Lamington building, the Lady Norman building and the Edith Cavell building will be reinvigorated, preserving Brisbane's health heritage, while providing functional accommodation and space for business and commercial uses. Further community consultation will occur on the final master plan as it progresses to construction, and Australian Unity will be working closely with the community over the life of the project.

Last week I had the pleasure of meeting with a number of my constituents to discuss this exciting new project. The local community supports the Herston Quarter project, but they also want to ensure the redevelopment is properly managed. When completed, Herston Quarter will be a global benchmark in public and private medical facilities, putting Brisbane and Queensland at the forefront of international health and life sciences. I want to personally thank a number of my constituents for their passionate efforts to make sure the Herston Quarter becomes the outstanding success we all know it will be: Greg Picker, Angela White, Nadine Tallon, Elliot Duff, Edward Gilmour, Simon and Deb Davie, Belen Zapata and Davina Baird, to name just a few. I will continue to ensure local residents are meaningfully consulted as the exciting new Herston Quarter project progresses and Brisbane moves closer to housing yet another major world-class health facility.

It also gave me great pleasure earlier this month to host a morning tea at the Danish Club in Newstead to inform local residents about the proposed discussion paper surrounding body corporate governance for unit dwellers in Queensland. Brisbane Central is one of the most—if not the most—densely populated electorates in the state, meaning body corporate governance is a bread-and-butter issue for local residents. Well over 100 locals attended this morning tea, hearing expert analysis of proposed options for reform from Professor Sharon Christensen and Professor William Dixon. Many of my constituents want to help shape the future of body corporate governance in Queensland, and I look forward to working with them and informing them on this important issue in the future.

Newstead is probably the only suburb in Queensland that is entirely made up of units. There is one house, the beautiful Newstead House. Unfortunately, no-one lives there, but it is a great suburb nevertheless.