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Social and Affordable Housing

 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Alger—ALP) (Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts) (10.03 am): The Palaszczuk government's \$1.6 billion 10-year Housing Construction Jobs Program is delivering new homes for Queenslanders in need and creating jobs right across the state. We have committed to building more than 5,500 social and affordable homes and we are on track to meeting our five-year target. This is not only addressing our state's housing need but also creating and supporting jobs. Under our Housing Strategy, contracts have been awarded for more than 2,000 new social housing homes. Of these, 1,305 new homes have already been completed in communities across Queensland, and our projects have supported more than 2,000 full-time equivalent jobs in the construction industry.

Social housing is not just about providing someone in need with a roof over their head; it is also about matching Queenslanders with housing that addresses their unique needs. Just last week, I met Wendy who lived in the same three-bedroom public housing residence for almost three decades where she raised her family. She has now downsized to Marblewood Apartments, which is a new housing complex for people aged over 55 in the electorate of Logan.

Mr Power: That is great.

Ms ENOCH: I know the member for Logan is very supportive of that. This housing complex is for people aged over 55 who are currently in public housing in Logan. Wendy said she was happy to move into Marblewood so that another family could have the opportunity to move into her old home and use that space to raise their family. On top of that, her neighbour of 19 years has also moved to Marblewood and now they live one floor apart instead of next door to each other and are able to maintain that incredibly important social support. The Palaszczuk government contributed over \$8 million to the development of these new units, and more than 410 jobs were supported during construction. I was delighted to be there last week to officially open the new complex, alongside the member for Logan, and affirm the government's support for these important social housing projects.

Tenants are also moving into new homes in Woolloongabba. Our government's \$5.5 million investment, in partnership with the Brisbane Housing Company, helped complete the new complex, which includes 32 new, modern self-contained homes. The Palaszczuk government's ongoing commitment to increasing social housing and supporting construction jobs plays a vital role in our state's economic recovery, and we will continue to deliver on our commitment to the people of Queensland.