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Housing

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Olympics) (9.37 am): My government is committed to addressing the housing challenges facing this state—issues not just here, but around the country. Since coming to office in 2015, my government has built over 4,000 social homes—almost 1½ social homes per day. We held the Queensland Housing Summit last week, and under our Housing and Homelessness Action Plan we have boosted current investment, with a further \$1 billion put towards social and affordable housing, taking the total investment to almost \$4 billion. This means by 2027 we will have commenced more than 13,000 social and affordable homes—the largest concentrated investment in social and affordable housing in Queensland’s history.

This week we also welcomed the federal budget’s National Housing Accord to deliver one million new homes over five years from 2024, including 10,000 extra affordable homes, with 2,000 here in Queensland. Today I want to announce another housing initiative from ideas echoed at our Housing Summit. Today we will introduce legislation to enable the expansion of the not-for-profit Homes for Homes initiative established by *The Big Issue* magazine into Queensland.

Homes for Homes already exists in other states and would mean Queenslanders buying or selling their own home will be able to voluntarily participate—only if they wish—in a charitable scheme that will help increase the supply of social and affordable housing. The housing minister will go into more detail soon, but essentially it would enable sellers to donate tax-free 0.1 per cent of the sale price of their property or land at the time of sale for a good social cause. Across the country, Homes for Homes has already granted \$1.28 million to 13 social and affordable housing projects, providing housing for 96 people. This is just another way we can help ease pressures on the challenges facing our housing system.