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Housing

 **Ms BUSH** (Cooper—ALP) (2.46 pm): The housing market right now is facing unprecedented pressures. There is certainly no hiding from that. The right to safe and secure housing and, ideally, the option to grow up, to raise a family and to retire in their community has been and remains a focus for our Labor government. I had the honour of attending the Premier's Housing Summit last month which convened multiple stakeholders to collectively identify and respond to Queensland's housing pressures. Some great initiatives have already been announced. We have now doubled the size of our housing investment fund to \$2 billion to help with the commencement of more than 13,000 new homes and fast-tracked planning approvals for community, social and affordable housing. This week the announcement was made of the QBuild rapid accommodation and apprenticeship centre, the first of its kind in Queensland, building modern, prefabricated housing to help speed up housing supply. It will be open by Christmas.

Responding to the housing pressures in Queensland will require us to think creatively, think big and, of course, have some original thoughts, which our government continues to deliver. Recently, I saw members of the LNP out campaigning on the issue of housing. I thought I would have a dig around to see what plans and original thinking they have for the complex issue facing Queensland. Sadly, I first looked at their website because I thought that would be the first place we would turn to find a policy. I reluctantly tell members that there were no policies on housing on their website. In fact, there were no policies available on their website at all. I thought what I would do next—

A government member interjected.

Ms BUSH: I know. It is extraordinary, but it is true, I regret to inform the House. I thought I would check out the Leader of the Opposition's social media. It took me a bit of scrolling, but, eventually, I found something that resembled what someone might reasonably expect the start of a plan might look like. I will read from it. There are three points in its plan: infrastructure, partnership and social properties. I will table it because I think it is important to get on record the breathtakingly shallow pool of thinking from the Queensland LNP.

Tabled paper: Leaflet relating to social housing [1884](#).

Mrs McMahon: A shallow pool.

Ms BUSH: It is a puddle, really.

Mrs McMahon: It's a puddle!

Ms BUSH: It is a 'thought puddle', some might say. They are not terrible ideas. They are actually quite good ideas because they are our ideas. They are the things that we are already delivering. Let me go through some of the deliverables we have in this space already. We are investing \$200 million to unlock land supply by delivering water, roads and sewerage in new communities. We are investing \$2.9 billion to increase the social and affordable housing supply—the largest concentrated investment

in Queensland's history. We are delivering 7,500 social and affordable housing commencements under the Queensland Housing Investment Growth Initiative. In addition to that, we have new and innovative campaigns including the Help to Home initiative and the Queensland's Build-to-Rent.

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