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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (2.56 pm): In the past the member for Gaven has liked having a go at the federal government about NRAS. We will see what happens with that in the future. A *Gold Coast Bulletin* article states—

She ... wants to see the Commonwealth do more to help those people on the Gold Coast struggling to put a roof over their heads ...

"I think it needs a big response from all levels of government. We all need to play a part in this,"

She is quite right. Then she said—

It's something I'm very passionate about. I'm a young Gold Coaster, I'm not a homeowner myself, I still rent.

Goodness gracious! That is an interesting quote. She goes on—

I very much sympathise with a lot of people on the Gold Coast who are trying to get into the housing market ...

We are talking about a minister in this government who is on \$341,000 a year, or \$13,100 a fortnight, and she is trying to draw a comparison between herself and those Gold Coasters who are struggling to pay their rent. It is very disingenuous at the very least. Combined, the member for Gaven and her life partner earn \$680,000 a year on the public purse and she cannot afford to buy a house—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order, members.

Mr CRANDON:—and according to the register of members' interests she has absolutely no debt. On the other hand, the member for Pumicestone was having a go at the Greens. She was talking about the members for South Brisbane and Maiwar and their status as 'wealthy lifestyle renters'. Does the same go for the member for Gaven? I call on those members to apologise. Do you call on the member for Gaven to apologise as well? Let's look at some of the figures in answer to a question on notice that I requested.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: All comments will come through the chair.

Mr CRANDON: The government was pleased to tell me that we have an additional 61 dwellings in the state seat of Coomera. That is all very well, but when we find we have lost 34 bedrooms in the state seat of Gaven, that takes the total of 61 properties down quite a bit, probably to less than 50. Let's have a look at the statistics. Since 2016 the voter population in the state seat of Coomera is up 60 per cent, from 31,000 to 50,000 voters. It rose from 37,000 at the 2017 election to 50,000. That is a 35 per cent increase. From the 2020 election through to now there has been a nine per cent increase in the number of people in the northern Gold Coast and we are talking about a measly 49 properties to satisfy the social housing needs on the northern Gold Coast.

This government needs to do more for the social housing needs on the northern Gold Coast and right across the Gold Coast and not bang on about the NRAS. *Time expired*)

