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Housing Summit

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure) (9.43 am): Yesterday, CommSec's State of the States report confirmed that Queensland is leading the country on population growth and on unemployment. Today, the Treasurer's *Report on state finances of the Queensland government* is further proof that Queensland is booming. The \$4.3 billion surplus for the 2021-22 financial year is the biggest surplus delivered in Queensland since the adoption of contemporary accounting methods. It is no wonder that people are choosing to live, work and grow their families here.

The Palaszczuk government's economic recovery plan has worked, keeping Queenslanders employed and our economy growing through one of the nation's most challenging times. 1994 was the last time interstate migration into Queensland was as strong as it is now. Before the pandemic, in 2019, just over 22,000 people moved to Queensland. To the end of last year, that number had increased to 50,000 people. That is the largest increase in 27 years. That population growth is set to continue with forecasts that a quarter of a million more people are expected to call Queensland home over the next four years.

The only way to drive solutions for housing supply and affordability is in partnership with all who have responsibility for housing, from all levels of government through to the private sector. That is why we brought all of those people together last week for the Queensland Housing Summit. The South-East Queensland regional planning committee will soon be discussing key regional issues such as connectivity, housing and priorities for an updated SEQ Regional Plan. In addition to doubling the Housing Investment Fund to \$2 billion to help build new homes for Queenslanders, we have fast-tracked planning changes to help people get into accommodation faster.

With storm season fast approaching, we are speeding up the delivery of emergency housing in communities that have been hit by a natural disaster. It means state and local governments can look at sites where demountable housing can be put in quickly, such as at showgrounds, to give people who have lost their homes in a disaster an immediate temporary housing solution.

We will also make changes so that social and affordable housing is treated as community infrastructure, allowing providers to use the infrastructure designation pathway for those important developments. Because of this change, we will see faster development of social and affordable housing projects across the state, getting more vulnerable Queenslanders into housing sooner. We will continue to work with the federal government, local councils and industry to deliver more housing for Queenslanders.