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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Housing

 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (3.00 pm): Like many members in this House I have had many inquiries and contacts from constituents with concerns around housing. It is clearly a very significant issue in our community. That is why I am very pleased with some of the announcements from the Premier this week, particularly the move towards buying properties coming off the NRAS scheme and to limit rent increases to once a year. These things augment many of the programs we are rolling out. Having the QBuild apprentices here is an example of how we are trying to deal with the housing crisis because we are creating more workers for that very important construction industry.

In my area we have just opened 12 new social housing units in Holland Park. They are excellent units, built to the highest standards that can accommodate anybody with any level of ability or disability. I am really pleased to say that we have funded and are moving forward with 82 new units delivered by the Brisbane Housing Corporation in the Stones Corner area.

This is in contrast to what is happening in the federal parliament, where unfortunately our colleagues, the Albanese government, are trying to get a housing bill through the Senate but are being blocked by the LNP and the Greens. They are shamefully running around talking about a housing crisis but are completely and utterly incapable of taking any action to resolve that issue other than playing politics with it. I tell you that the people of Greenslopes—the people of Queensland—are sick of this, but I will tell you who else is sick of it and calling on the LNP and the Greens to do something and pass this bill through: none other than the Community Housing Industry Association, that is one organisation; National Shelter, a second organisation; Homelessness Australia; and of course the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Association. They are all calling for that legislation.

A government member: You would think they would listen to each other.

Mr KELLY: Even though you are out of your seat I will take that interjection: you would think they would listen. The actions of the Palaszczuk Labor government in relation to housing are just the latest example of the Palaszczuk government, with a great leader, stepping forward to tackle difficult and challenging issues in our communities. We have taken on jobs and we have driven unemployment down. We have built so many new schools and so much infrastructure. Cross River Rail, a project that nobody else could get going, is underway and will serve my community. We dropped the price of buses and trains with Fairer Fares. We tackled COVID. We have taken on domestic and family violence and we continue to work hard on that with the coercive control legislation coming through. We have tackled youth crime, we have tackled the treaty and we have tackled climate change. We are the team that steps forward when there is a big challenge and works hard to resolve that challenge. We are the team that is capable of delivering the Olympics and delivering a great future for Queensland.