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Housing

 **Hon. MAJ SCANLON** (Gaven—ALP) (Minister for Housing) (10.16 am): Every person deserves a roof over their head no matter where they live in our state. It is why this Palaszczuk government is delivering the largest concentrated investment in social and affordable housing from the Gold Coast to the cape. As part of this investment we are looking at innovative ways to deliver housing including through things like prefabrication.

Today I am pleased to advise this chamber that the first of 50 factory built houses that the Palaszczuk government has funded have arrived at their new home in Longreach. Built right here in Queensland on the Sunshine Coast, two of the prefabricated homes have now made the 1,200-kilometre journey out west with four more to join them soon. More of these homes will soon be distributed around South-East Queensland, craned onto trucks bound for Ipswich, Logan, Central Queensland and the Wide Bay-Burnett region. They are quick to build and join more than 600 social and affordable homes currently under construction by this government.

As I said earlier this week, to build thousands of new homes sooner we need to look at new ways to do things. Prefabricated houses will help us fast-track the delivery of homes to the most vulnerable in our community who need them. More than 4,400 homes have been built since we came to government and Queenslanders can expect more through our record \$3.9 billion investment to help deliver our 13,000-home target. On average, we have built more than 10 homes a week since coming to government, and I want to make sure we get more projects like this delivered as soon as possible.

While those opposite are focused on a secret plan for cuts and working with the federal coalition and the Greens to hold up vital housing legislation, we are standing up for Queenslanders. This is what our social housing program is about: helping Queenslanders no matter where they live to get a secure roof over their head when they need it most.