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Hon. MAJ SCANLON (Gaven—ALP) (Minister for Housing) (10.54 am): When it comes to delivering our big social housing build, this government is prepared to think outside the box. I am pleased to update the House that the newest batch of modular homes are being built and sent on their way to all corners of our state. Twenty-nine prefabricated homes are being pieced together on the factory floor in Toowoomba. Last week, nine completed homes were trucked to remote communities in Roma, Longreach and Cunnamulla. This week, more are destined for delivery to Hughenden in the electorate of Traeger. Over the next two months, more will roll out to Maryborough, Walkervale, Gladstone, Ipswich, Cunnamulla and Logan. These homes take a mere fraction of the time to build and connect to essential services, compared to the time it takes to construct a new home from the ground up.

We are partnering with builders across the state to provide more than 100 social and government employee homes by the end of the year. We are also building our own, thanks to our QBuild team at Eagle Farm with another team of builders soon to come online in Cairns. It is just one of the ways this government is tackling national housing pressures to help regional, rural and remote areas of the state where sometimes it can be challenging to get trades. Not only do we have shovels in the ground on hundreds of new homes; we are also buying units, townhouses, hotels and former retirement villages and delivering prefabricated homes to help deliver 14,100 social and affordable homes to help Queenslanders in need.