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 **Mr MOLHOEK** (Southport—LNP) (6.18 pm): At the outset I want to congratulate the member for Gaven on her new posting as the Minister for Housing, but boy has she got some work to do. In a moment I want to table a spreadsheet that I have been compiling over the last 10 or 15 years which basically highlights or details capital works spending on the Gold Coast over the last 12 years on public housing.

Disappointingly, the Gold Coast has only received 4.8 per cent of all capital works spending for the last 11 years in spite of the fact that the Gold Coast's population is something like 12 per cent of the state's total, and we wonder why there is a housing shortage and a public housing crisis on the Gold Coast. No doubt the Minister for Housing, who is a Gold Coast member, will be very interested to see those figures. Hopefully, when the budget is laid out in a few weeks time, we will see a significant increase in spending on and commitment to the Gold Coast because things in our city are indeed incredibly dire.

To put that in dollar terms, basically, in capital works over the past 11 or 12 years, we have received about \$287 million out of some \$5.5 billion spent across the state. Even if we just got our fair share proportionately, based on population, that represents an underspend of about \$358 million, which is actually more than the full amount that has been expended over that time frame. Unfortunately, these figures are budget figures. I would love to see the spreadsheet updated, and perhaps I will lodge that as a question on notice, to reflect the actual spend rather than the intended spend for that same period. I table that document.

Tabled paper: Spreadsheet, undated, titled 'Department of Housing and Public Works' relating to social housing in Queensland [728](#).

I give a shout-out for this year's Vinnies CEO Sleepout. It will be my eighth year participating in the sleep-out. I am pleased that all of the money that has been raised on the Gold Coast has stayed on the Gold Coast. Recently, Vinnies announced their new Nerang housing project. The land was purchased with money that was raised over the past seven or eight years. The hope is that on that site they will develop 60 dwellings, with a mix of one- and two-bedroom apartments, to provide desperately needed housing for people on the Gold Coast.

We have heard a lot about housing this week, but I want to highlight the fact that there are people sleeping in tents the length and breadth of the Gold Coast. You do not have to go far within the electorate of Gaven, the electorate of Bonney or even within my own electorate to see that. In Southport there are people camped next to the cemetery, which is simply not good enough.