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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Housing**

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (2.49 pm): Today during question time we see that in the housing space we have a different minister but the same old speaking notes: the same lines coming out from this minister, the minister before her, the minister before her, the one that came back and was reheated—the same lines. Let us look at some of the lines that were given today. One was that the Palaszczuk government has record investment in housing. How does that reconcile with the Productivity Commission, which says that the Palaszczuk government has the lowest spend per capita in the nation with regard to social housing? How does it reconcile when we have a housing fund, which those opposite keep bragging about, which has \$2 billion in it but we do not have any houses? It is like having a hospital but not having any beds! Why do those opposite not put \$3 billion or \$4 billion into it? It will not make any difference. It makes no difference at all. They can have a fund, but if they do not have houses the fund means absolutely nothing.

What is the other thing that those opposite throw out all of the time? They talk about the construction of houses. They talk about how many houses they are building or built. What they fail to tell everybody is how many houses they have sold. They are deceitful when they keep talking about the construction of these houses because they lead people to believe that the housing stock has been increased by that amount. What do the facts say? The facts say that over the last seven or eight years the housing stock has increased by 1.5 per cent to two per cent whereas the number of people on the housing waitlist has blown out by 70 per cent. I was speaking to one of the social service groups just yesterday and it recognises it. It knows the deceit of the government and the fact that it continues to hide behind tricky words and not on its own results.

Today it was revealed during question time after a question on notice the number of social housing properties in this state that have been vacant for more than 30 days. Over 434 houses have been vacant for more than 30 days when there are around 50,000 people on the social housing waiting list. Some of those houses have been vacant for 400 days. Another house was vacant for 600 days. Another house was vacant for 800 days. One house that burnt down has not been rebuilt in 940 days—nearly three years. This is a government that talks the talk but does not deliver. We will keep the minister accountable to her own promise, and that is success is delivering on the government's promises. On that standard, it is failing miserably.