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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Housing

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (2.33 pm): When will the Palaszczuk Labor government take responsibility for the worst housing crisis that this state has ever experienced?

Mr Power interjected.

Mr MANDER: I will take the interjection from the member for Logan. There are people in his electorate sleeping under bridges in tents and he comes into this parliament mocking that situation. When are they going to take responsibility for nine years of lack of planning, not forecasting the housing supply that we need? When are they going to take account of the fact that the release of residential lots has decreased by 30 per cent since they came to government?

This is the worst housing crisis this state has ever experienced. This Labor government has been in power for 25 of the last 30 years, and for the last nine years it has done nothing when it comes to housing our most vulnerable. What did we find out this week?

A government member interjected.

Mr MANDER: I will take the interjection from the former minister, who was right at the forefront of this lack of planning.

Mrs Frecklington: Got sacked.

Mr MANDER: Exactly, got sacked from that particular portfolio because she could not handle it; they had to move her on. The other minister there, the member for Springwood, was there as well; he was part of this lack of planning, no forecasting—what the Auditor-General criticised because they have no plan with regard to housing our most vulnerable people. This week we find out that Queensland has the largest rent increases in the nation, at 9.5 per cent on average. There are some people in regional Queensland who spend half their wages on paying rent. Of course, to make all this worse, we have the lowest rental vacancy rates in the country, at 0.85 per cent. If it were not so tragic—

A government member interjected.

Mr MANDER: Well, it does not matter what you say; it is not funny. Then there is the Housing Investment Fund, the greatest fraud ever put on the Queensland public.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Martin): Pause the clock. Members, the level of interjection is getting out of control. I will ask the member to be heard in silence for the rest of his contribution.

Mr MANDER: They said that 3,600 homes will be built by the end of 2024. How many do you think have been done already? Not even one per cent; in fact, not one house has been built under the Housing Investment Fund that has a person living in it. I think 32 homes are being built at the moment. Both those projects at Chermside and Redcliffe have been delayed. Five thousand seven hundred extra by 2027—Tell 'em they're dreamin'!