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Housing

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (6.29 pm): It was great to hear from the assistant minister for housing. I hope she has been practising the five points that she failed to remember in her car crash of an interview. She was practising on the way—'I knew you would ask me this question'. Why didn't you learn them if you knew you would be asked the question? It is absolutely embarrassing. Let's talk about the record of the LNP when I was the housing minister.

A government member interjected.

Mr MANDER: I take that interjection from the minister. When I was housing minister there was no housing crisis. When I was minister we did not walk down the street and see people sleeping on the side of the road. When I was housing minister we did not go down to the park and see tent after tent of homeless people. When I was housing minister we got the social housing waiting list down to 17,000 households. That is the record that I am proud of and that is the record that is true.

What have we seen since then? All we have seen from those opposite is smoke and mirrors and announcement after announcement, trying to sell to the public that they have built thousands and thousands of extra houses. What have they done? Over the last nine years they have delivered an average of only an extra 200 houses per year—0.6 of a house per day—and now in their big build baloney they expect us to believe they are going to multiply that by 10. This is a minister who continues to peddle false hope.

We have been speaking to the sector as well. They all want to know what the government's strategy is—where are they going to get the labour from, where are they going to get the construction companies from, when is this going to come to some sort of reality when they have a 22-year vision that will mean nothing? The only person who may still be in the House at that time is my learned colleague next to me, and he can keep the government accountable at that time. In 22 years time they are expecting a tenfold increase.

What can we judge them on? We can only judge them on their record of delivery or, in their case, non-delivery. There is the \$2 billion Housing Investment Fund. It may as well be \$10 million for the number of houses they have produced. Not one single house has been built from the Housing Investment Fund 2½ years after it was announced. Maybe by the end of this year we might get 32 units. Those opposite need to be judged on their record. All they can do is make announcements, and those announcements are a cruel hoax.