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
**MEMBER FOR JORDAN**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Housing Supply**

 **Ms MULLEN** (Jordan—ALP) (2.12 pm): 'Too much'—that is what the LNP said about Labor's plan to increase housing stock in our state. Now there are no truer words for the LNP government: 'too much' housing at Arundel, where the Minister for Housing rejected the potential for 650 homes, including affordable homes, for key workers, young renters and aging Gold Coasters—

**Mr Bennett** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Member for Burnett!

**Ms MULLEN:** 'Too much' housing in Birtinya on the Sunshine Coast, where the Deputy Premier and Minister for Planning rescinded a ministerial infrastructure designation decision—something never done for affordable housing—for 90 apartments targeted for essential workers and literally a 300-metre walk from the Sunshine Coast Health Precinct; and 'too much' affordable housing in LNP seats. Goodness, we would not want working people in those electorates. They might start voting Labor!

What about modular social and government employee housing? Is that too much? We know that modular homes can help people get out of temporary accommodation faster, with onsite construction taking only three months compared to a year for many traditional builds.

**Mr Bennett** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Member for Burnett, this is your last caution.

**Ms MULLEN:** In fact, the National Productivity Commission in its recent paper on housing construction productivity commended Queensland's modern methods of construction and made recommendations that all governments increase the uptake of prefabricated and modular construction.

Last year in the state budget Labor locked in 600 modular homes to be built by Queensland businesses and the state's public builder, QBuild. With 215 of those homes either completed or contracted for places like Bundaberg, Longreach, Gympie and the south-west, the former Miles government had released tenders for another 250 modular homes. Six months on from tenders going out, the LNP government is yet to tell Queenslanders whether those tenders have been finalised, when the homes will be built or if they have cancelled them. What is going on?

Modular homes are designed to be built quickly, but under the LNP they are languishing while more Queenslanders are ending up homeless. The Minister for Housing has spent more time and energy pulling the plug on hundreds of homes in his own community or cutting the ribbon on Labor's projects than building new homes.

I made a request to see what is currently being built at the government's Rapid Accommodation and Apprenticeship Centre at Portsmith when I was in Cairns last week. I gave 10 business days notice to the minister—no response. I sent a follow-up email—no response. Then less than 24 hours before the visit—denied. I am curious as to why I could not visit the hardworking QBuild staff to see what they were building at the RAAC. Perhaps, just like the review of the Queensland hospital expansion program, the only thing I was likely to see was cuts, downsizing and delay. Perhaps it was just like their appointment of John Sosso—dodgy. 'Too much,' the LNP say. Tell that to those who are desperately seeking homes in our regional communities.