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Social Housing

 **Hon. ST O'CONNOR** (Bonney—LNP) (Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Youth) (2.34 pm): After a decade of decline, underinvestment, poor planning and general chaos under Labor, we are delivering on our promise of a place to call home. Our first budget locked in a record \$5.6 billion investment in social and community housing to grow the construction pipeline and prioritise the actual delivery of new social and community homes. More than 5,600 social and affordable homes are currently under contract or construction in every corner of Queensland. Even just our current pipeline—not the new ones we are going to be adding—will grow our state's social housing portfolio by nearly six per cent. That is the same amount Labor grew social housing by over the entirety of the last decade.

We are funding infrastructure projects that have been holding back housing supply for years through our \$2 billion Residential Activation Fund so developers and councils can move at pace to unlock land. Our Queensland Community Housing Investment Pipeline, or Q-CHIP, is a nation-leading procurement model giving community housing providers the certainty they need to plan, partner and build homes at scale. Backed by our ongoing baseline funding of at least \$500 million a year with no end date, Q-CHIP replaces Labor's stop-start funding rounds with a continuous, always-on pipeline of opportunities. Since launching in September we have already received more than 30 pre-submission proposals from community housing providers across Queensland, each with the potential to deliver new homes and help meet our target of 53,500 social and community homes by 2044.

For those experiencing housing insecurity we have expanded the support available. A 20 per cent uplift in funding for specialist homelessness services, new domestic and family violence shelters and an expanded youth foyer program will deliver four times as many youth foyers as the former government delivered in a decade in just our first term. That is because a safe place to live is the foundation for everything else we want in our state.

Our government is delivering. We are more responsive, more connected and more compassionate. We are building more homes, reforming the system and giving hope to those who need it most. Under our government property owners will no longer be living in social housing and there will be consequences for those who make life hell for their neighbours.

We are delivering a modern, customer focused approach to housing and building, one that is smarter, simpler and more transparent. That includes reforming the Queensland Building and Construction Commission through the new leadership we have delivered and our Building Reg Reno program of reforms. The Crisafulli government is doing the work to turn around the housing crisis we inherited by delivering more places to call home across Queensland.