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Housing Supply

 **Hon. ST O'CONNOR** (Bonney—LNP) (Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Youth) (2.40 pm): Over the past year, the Crisafulli government has delivered the most significant reset of Queensland's housing system in decades. Queensland's housing crisis was years in the making, but we have moved swiftly to accelerate supply and get more homes delivered. In our first budget we delivered a record \$5.6 billion over this four-year period alone—Queensland's largest ever investment in social and community housing delivery. We have also locked in \$500 million per year from 2029-30 onwards as a permanent baseline. This nation-leading funding certainty gives our community housing partners the confidence they need to plan, invest and scale up the homes that Queenslanders deserve.

Since coming to government we have contracted 3,343 social and affordable homes, including 1,746 to be delivered with a community housing provider. These are the homes that we count. They are not hypothetical houses like Labor talk about constantly. We did not just put these homes in a press release and say, 'Job done.' They are real; they are happening.

To deliver these homes, we have to make Queensland the best place in the nation to build. That is why we are reforming the QBCC to become a more customer-friendly regulator. We have delivered the first three of our four tranches of the Building Reg Reno reforms to make it easier for tradies in every corner of our state. We have also fixed our procurement system, covering policies of around \$35 billion of spending a year, through our new Queensland Procurement Policy 2026. We know that BPIC documents circulated by the former government were not just written by the CFMEU; they in fact still had the CFMEU's watermark embedded on them. I can inform the House that those opposite are clearly not surprised by that. The procurement policy was outsourced to the CFMEU under the Labor Party and it would be again if they ever got back in. The CFMEU are not writing procurement policies in Queensland anymore.

As well as investing in more homes after a decade of decline, we are also properly managing the social housing that we have on our books. We have reinstated rent and tenancy reviews after Labor allowed 45 per cent of social housing tenants to go unchecked for over five years. Without these checks, high-income earners and even property owners were living in taxpayer-funded social homes while vulnerable Queenslanders waited.

Since July, our work to address underoccupancy has so far also seen 121 tenancies choose to downsize to more suitably sized properties which has freed up almost 200 new rooms across our portfolio. In July we also introduced a new antisocial behaviour policy for public housing to empower our housing officers to take action on the small minority of tenants who do the wrong thing. These reforms are restoring fairness and integrity across the entire system.

We inherited a homelessness system where too many people were left without a pathway to long-term housing. We have taken big steps to fix that this year. Through the expanded role of our

housing outreach teams, we are now proactively supporting households in motel/hotel accommodation to transition to stable long-term housing. This includes 408 long-stay households, with 264 completing housing pathway plans and 144 already successfully transitioning into longer term housing outcomes. That means fewer Queenslanders stuck in motel rooms and more people living in stable, secure homes.

After a decade of decline under Labor, 2025 has been a big year of delivery across the housing portfolio—record funding, thousands more homes contracted and under construction, a fairer system and a homelessness response focused on achieving outcomes for our most vulnerable. Every Queenslander deserves a place to call home, and the Crisafulli government is doing the work to turn around the housing crisis created by Labor.