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BUILDING COMMISSION — REMEDY ORDERS

48. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. The Building Commissioner is gone. Why has the Minister for Commerce not gone as well?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

That is because the Minister for Commerce is doing a great job in leading a whole range of things right across the building sector.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R.H. COOK: She has led the debate on rental tenancy reform and remedies for the construction market—which is struggling with cash flows at the moment—with our simple interest-free loan project to make sure that we get these homes built. We are continuing to see an unprecedented level of collaboration and cooperation within the housing construction industry at the moment of builders working with the government to overcome the current challenges so that we can continue to see more development in our construction market.

As I reported in my Premier's Statement earlier in the week, we are now seeing some great building initiatives. We are seeing building loans starting to improve and supply chain costs starting to stabilise. From that point of view, we are very confident about the years ahead for our home construction market.