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Media release

Response to today's HomeBuilder data

Quotes attributable to campaign spokesperson Kate Colvin:

“This Homebuilder data from today's COVID hearing is extremely disappointing.

Our advice from the beginning was that HomeBuilder wasn't the way forward. It wouldn't provide any economic stimulus or jobs and it certainly wasn't the answer for tackling Australia's critical social housing shortage.

But I don't think any of us thought it would be this bad.

With only 247 applicants and zero approvals, HomeBuilder pales against what's really required.

We've given the Morrison Government a clear plan – the Social Housing Acceleration and Renovation Program – for how to build and upgrade 30,000 social housing dwellings over the next few years, starting immediately.

With nine per cent of all jobs in Australia housing construction-related, our plan would both keep people in work and create employment, while making inroads into our huge national shortfall in rental housing affordable for ordinary people.

It's not too late for the Morrison Government to replace HomeBuilder with a plan that will actually create new homes and new jobs.

We want to work with them on pursuing a social housing recovery that will help rebuild the economy.

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