Ms SCRYMGOUR (Deputy Chief Minister):

The federal minister, Jenny Macklin, has shown the kind of vision so lacking in her predecessors’ approach to the portfolio. A key to the new strategic indigenous housing program being rolled out is summed up by a simple word: alliance - a genuine alliance that now exists between the Commonwealth and Northern Territory governments. The strategic alliance model is being adopted to bring Aboriginal stakeholders, private enterprise and government together in this great social and economic enterprise. It is a model that is based on evidence. It has worked on the eastern seaboard and South Australia. It is not based on cheap rhetoric and coercion. It brings together the skills of the private sector with government financing and the interest of Aboriginal people in physical results - decent housing - and classical results - training and employment. This really ticks the boxes of what we must sustain over the next generation of Closing the Gap.

That, Madam Deputy Speaker, is what it is all about. I endorse the minister’s statement.