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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN.

Port Augusta Housing Trust Development.

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Housing Trust building programmes are having a dramatic effect on the development of Port Augusta, the Premier and Housing Minister, Mr. Dunstan, said.

Mr. Dunstan made this comment after discussion on Trust activity in the city during his weekend tour of the Spencer Gulf region.

The Premier said the building programme at Port Augusta had been expanded at such a rate that it was only at Whyalla that there was a larger housing programme in country centres.

Building operations had been stepped up to more than 100 homes a year -- compared with an annual level of 26 in the 1960s.

"We shall make every effort to maintain this pace in line with the expansion and development of Port Augusta", Mr. Dunstan said.

Since July 1, 1970, the Trust had built 150 houses in Port Augusta and contractors were at present working on another 80.

Contracts had been let for an additional 50 and it was expected work on these would begin during the current financial year.

The Premier said the Trust had built a total of more than 1,300 houses in the city, 878 of which were let to tenants.

"This together with hospital, school and bridge development in Port Augusta demonstrates that the State Government has honoured its pledge to improve services in the city", he added.

During his visit to Port Augusta the Premier inspected Trust development and had talks on current and projected programmes with its representative, Mr. Gough, and the House of Assembly Member for Stuart, Mr. Keneally.