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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN

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Pensioner Flats

The South Australian Housing Trust is giving special priority to the building of cottage flats for aged pensioners, the Premier and Housing Minister, Mr. Dunstan, said today.

Homes for aged pensioners were a main feature of the Trust's building activity during the September quarter.

The Trust completed 120 cottage flats for aged pensioners during this past quarter, the highest quarterly number of pensioner flats ever completed by the Trust.

Mr. Dunstan said that during September the total number of cottage flats built by the Housing Trust passed the 2,000 mark and at September 30, 1971 2,022 had been erected, 1,196 let to tenants and 826 built for charitable and benevolent organisations.

During the September quarter the Trust completed 666 houses and flats throughout the State, an increase of 14 per cent compared with completions in the corresponding quarter of 1970.

In the metropolitan area 430 houses and flats were built and in the country the total was 236.

The main activity in the metropolitan area was at Ingle Farm, Christies Beach, Henley Beach and Elizabeth, whilst in the country 77 house units were completed at Whyalla, 43 at Port Augusta and 18 at Port Lincoln.

At present Housing Trust contractors are engaged on the construction of a further 1,638 houses and flats, the Premier said.