

Question on Notice
No. 1130
Asked on 29 September 2004

Mr FENLON asked the Minister for Public Works, Housing and Racing (MR SCHWARTEN) –

QUESTION:

What has been done by this Government to improve the quality of public housing in the Greenslopes Electorate?

ANSWER:

In the Greenslopes Electorate since 1998, this Government has spent \$5.744M on the maintenance of approximately 827 public housing dwellings. Maintenance has included internal and external repainting and the installation of Residual Current Devices (safety switches) to ensure the safety of tenants when using electrical appliances. These funds have also been spent in response to tenant-requested maintenance issues and preventative maintenance generated from annual property inspections.

In addition, this Government has spent \$3.111M on the general upgrading of public housing dwellings in the Greenslopes Electorate since 1998. This amount has provided for the upgrading of kitchens, bathrooms, laundries, driveways/paths, rooves, and fencing etc, as well as an ongoing program to install security and insect screening to improve security for tenants.

Additionally, the general upgrading includes the provision of disability modifications for tenants with mobility problems and other special needs which has improved access to their homes. These modifications, such as installing grab rails, non-slip flooring and lever-operated taps, provide better usability of showers, toilets, taps etc.

To improve the amenities, the 30 Seniors' bedsit units located at 27 Crump Street, Holland Park West have been upgraded with new kitchens, bathrooms and laundries. As well, an internal repaint and floor coverings in the main living areas have been provided to most of these units.

In the 2004/05 and 2005/06 financial years, the retrofitting of floor coverings in the main living areas of all Seniors' units in the Greenslopes Electorate will occur.