

Question on Notice
No. 291
Asked on Thursday, 10 March 2005

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

QUESTION:

Will he provide details of projects providing housing in the electorate of Mt Coot-tha which have been supported by funding from the Department of Housing?

ANSWER:

Since 1998 the Beattie Government has spent \$11.3 million on new public housing projects and other housing related assistance.

This includes almost \$5 million on new construction and upgrades in the Mount Coot-tha Electorate on the following projects:

- twelve, one-bedroom and eight, two-bedroom senior units
- one, three-bedroom and two four-bedroom detached house
- upgrades to 216 existing dwellings.

The Department also provided grant funding of more than \$9.7 million and undertook preliminary design work on the Brisbane Housing Company unit complex in Paddington. In 1998-99 the Department purchased the land at 24 Guthrie Street, which was transferred to the Brisbane Housing Company in 2003-04. In 2004-05, the Brisbane Housing Company commenced construction of a mix of one and two-bedroom units, with some adapted for seniors.

Around \$3 million has been spent on land purchases and development in the Mount Coot-tha electorate since 1998. In addition \$280,000 was allocated to purchase land at Fernberg Road, Paddington, through the Community Housing program and a property was relocated to this site.

Since 1998 a total of \$220,000 was provided as recurrent grants expenditure under the Crisis Accommodation Program to St Mary's Support and Accommodation program. The Department's Home Assist Secure program provided \$1.246m to Inner West Home Assist Secure to help low-income people in the private housing market to access household assistance.