

Question on Notice
No. 407
Asked on 28 March 2006

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

QUESTION:

Will he list by electorate a breakdown of how many individuals are occupying two, three and four bedroom properties, as anecdotal evidence suggests that valuable resources are being wasted in situations where one or a couple of individuals may be occupying multiple room dwellings?

ANSWER:

The number of individual occupants of two, three and four bedroom social housing dwellings by electorate, as at 31 March 2006, is presented in the attachment.

I note your comment that ‘anecdotal evidence’ suggests that resources are wasted in circumstances where individuals or couples may be occupying multiple room dwellings. As you would appreciate many households go through declining or changing household membership as children grow up and leave home, or marital status changes. Public housing tenants of course are not immune from this but I am aware of the need to ensure that public housing is utilised effectively. Hence, from January 1 this year at my instruction the Department of Housing has introduced period lease reviews of 4 or 10 years for new tenants. Ten year leases will be automatic in many cases eg where it is unlikely that tenant’s circumstances will improve or where the tenant is aged. Other applicants are reviewed after a four-year lease period which provides an opportunity to review a tenant’s circumstances along with the accommodation they have.

In addition to the list provided over 400 community housing organisations also manage properties on behalf of the department and these organisations are required to tenant properties in accordance with the department’s eligibility and allocations policies.

**Occupancy in two, three and four bedroom social housing dwellings,
by State Electorate, as at 31 March 2006**

State Electorate	Number of Dwellings			Number of Occupants		
	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed
Albert	36	460	47	63	1,252	211
Algeria	127	464	69	203	1,263	267
Ashgrove	93	88	9	153	198	37
Aspley	6	30	10	11	85	36
Barron River	52	140	38	82	444	153
Beaudesert	22	84	8	32	226	35
Brisbane Central	194	23	6	309	61	13
Broadwater	244	89	1	387	228	1
Bulimba	307	172	27	515	456	85
Bundaberg	204	298	57	345	849	240
Bundamba	94	944	152	160	2,672	726
Burdekin	51	253	43	82	758	204
Burleigh	131	200	22	217	529	79
Burnett	9	77	15	16	220	67
Cairns	321	623	80	546	1,881	367
Callide	55	262	12	71	683	57
Caloundra	127	201	41	219	522	160
Capalaba	140	247	53	235	695	204
Charters Towers	67	160	25	94	423	101
Chatsworth	126	294	45	207	781	128
Clayfield	118	32	4	217	81	16
Cleveland	91	117	18	148	305	65
Cook	106	212	70	189	707	315
Cunningham	62	83	21	96	257	108
Currumbin	115	133	17	185	339	68
Darling Downs	38	112	10	55	287	30
Everton	130	84	12	228	220	35
Ferny Grove	50	345	60	77	942	202
Fitzroy	37	263	26	41	680	139
Gaven	39	240	43	70	726	171
Gladstone	122	482	59	204	1,354	244
Glass House	42	266	39	71	776	174
Greenslopes	167	233	30	274	590	130
Gregory	74	154	18	94	420	83
Gympie	82	164	19	127	438	80
Hervey Bay	78	191	45	134	519	172
Hinchinbrook	33	62	14	60	178	59
Inala	505	1,588	111	834	4,438	462
Indooroopilly	27	12	0	44	24	0
Ipswich	106	160	26	179	464	109
Ipswich West	56	368	31	84	994	126
Kallangur	74	231	35	131	687	142
Kawana	110	88	21	203	238	84
Keppel	86	295	57	139	851	230
Kurwongbah	76	331	53	121	959	236
Lockyer	45	53	10	65	150	41
Logan	10	355	58	18	1,049	265
Lytton	263	299	27	418	834	103
Mackay	325	497	76	514	1,464	321
Mansfield	58	294	44	94	787	148
Maroochydore	208	122	14	344	351	49

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Maryborough	94	152	30	150	404	120
Mirani	11	86	10	18	252	40
Moggill	0	1	0	0	1	0
Mount Coot-Tha	41	15	2	69	41	5
Mount Gravatt	75	314	28	124	802	103
Mount Isa	164	523	79	256	1,705	383
Mount Ommaney	61	32	10	101	87	42
Mudgeeraba	42	173	34	75	534	136
Mulgrave	162	343	94	285	1,107	438
Mundingburra	131	456	59	213	1,367	277
Murrumba	118	697	113	202	2,002	479
Nanango	44	71	11	66	182	39
Nicklin	59	138	31	101	438	149
Noosa	75	136	29	129	376	107
Nudgee	285	383	40	484	982	144
Pumicestone	144	280	50	234	834	216
Redcliffe	267	311	39	435	740	137
Redlands	18	91	33	33	266	136
Robina	1	22	7	2	54	30
Rockhampton	171	309	40	288	831	179
Sandgate	79	219	42	130	602	165
South Brisbane	404	28	0	675	91	0
Southern Downs	80	155	16	115	459	65
Southport	237	436	46	398	1,108	160
Springwood	29	52	10	48	151	37
Stafford	373	549	64	583	1,419	211
Stretton	29	62	20	54	186	85
Surfers Paradise	15	11	1	22	27	5
Tablelands	82	183	38	129	543	158
Thuringowa	66	696	107	101	2,187	518
Toowoomba North	99	301	29	157	791	117
Toowoomba South	114	199	33	180	561	148
Townsville	260	226	39	429	694	186
Warrego	88	219	17	129	637	81
Waterford	205	877	130	333	2,571	550
Whitsunday	74	192	32	108	539	156
Woodridge	381	1,307	135	623	4,050	592
Yeerongpilly	217	138	17	349	371	50