

**Question on Notice  
No. 827  
Asked on Wednesday 24 May 2006**

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

**QUESTION:**

With reference to public housing and emergency housing in the Nanango electorate—

- (1) How many new premises have been made available in each town in the Nanango electorate, per year, over the past five years?
- (2) How many applicants for departmental housing are on the waiting list to obtain housing and what is the projected waiting time in the Nanango electorate, per town?
- (3) How many emergency housing premises currently exist in the Nanango electorate and how many new emergency premises have been added, per year, over the past five years?

**ANSWER:**

- (1) One new premise has been made available at Kingaroy.
- (2) Refer to Attachment 1. The average wait time in the Nanango electorate is 24 months which compares favourably to the Statewide average of 27 months.
- (3) The number of existing emergency housing premises in the Nanango electorate as at 30 April 2006 is 20, with two being added in the past five years.

South Burnett Community Training Centre Inc. was approved funding under the 2005-06 Long Term Community Housing Program for an additional two dwellings for young people.

I would urge the Honourable Member to support the State Government's Home-Link proposal, a scheme that will boost the supply of affordable housing in the community by linking local, State and Federal Government housing assistance with private property investors. I'm hopeful Federal Housing Minister Mal Brough will look seriously at the Queensland proposal because it is exasperating that the Federal Coalition Government continues to throw \$2 billion a year into a rent assistance scheme for individuals, which does absolutely nothing to address accelerating private rents throughout the State.

**Number of applicants for public housing on the waitlist by area in the Nanango electorate**

<b>Waitlist area</b>	<b>No. of applications on the waitlist</b>
Esk	3
Kilcoy	3
Kingaroy	63
Nanango	44
Toogoolawah	7
Yarraman	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>128</b>