

**Question on Notice
No. 184
Asked on 21 February 2007**

Ms Van Litsenburg asked the Minister for Public Works, Housing and Information and Communication Technology (MR SCHWARTEN)—

QUESTION:

- 1) Will he advise details of proposed Department of Housing developments on the Redcliffe Peninsula and how will these developments contribute to housing affordability in the area?

ANSWER:

(1) During 2006–07, the Department of Housing has acquired, through either purchase or construction, three dwellings on the Redcliffe Peninsula. The completion of two construction projects in Redcliffe and Kippa Ring will add a further four, one-bedroom apartments and 21, two-bedroom apartments to social housing stock in the area.

An additional 48 multi-unit social housing developments are proposed to commence in the suburbs of Scarborough, Margate and Clontarf during the remainder of 2006–07 and 2007–08.

These projects will house people, some with special needs, who cannot access the private market. The additional accommodation will also assist in reducing significant wait times in the area which, as you would be aware, are increasing dramatically as more and more people are unable to find accommodation on the private market.

At a broader level, the Department of Housing continues to analyse and identify housing need throughout Queensland. The department recognises the need for affordable accommodation across the State, and is committed to improving the lives of families and individuals by providing access to appropriate housing solutions and contributing to the sustainability of communities across Queensland.

Many communities throughout Queensland and Australia face affordable housing issues. Affordable housing and accommodation issues are complex, and cannot be resolved by any one action, level of Government, or the community alone. It is this Government's view that a range of targeted solutions, applied and coordinated through a number of both Government and non-Government bodies, is the optimal method of working towards workable and sustainable housing solutions.