

**Question on Notice
No. 28
Asked on 6 February 2007**

Mr HINCHLIFFE asked the Minister for Public Works, Housing and Information and Communication Technology (MR SCHWARTEN) –

QUESTION:

With reference to recent media reports on the purchase of land at Chermside, in the electorate of Stafford, by the Australian Affordable Housing Association–

Will he provide my constituents with information about this association, its existing housing projects and other future projects?

ANSWER:

The Australian Affordable Housing Association (AAHA) is a not-for-profit organisation which operates independently from Government. The Department of Housing is unable to speak on the organisation's behalf in relation to its projects and future projects. These questions are best directed to the organisation.

The AAHA has been actively contacting the State Government at various levels over a period of time about its proposal to deliver private sector owned affordable housing, including a rent to buy home ownership option. At AAHA's request, the Department of Housing has considered the proposal and provided comments, but has not participated in or endorsed any AAHA project.

The State Government remains committed to working in partnership with the private sector to deliver affordable housing in a manner that promotes openness, accountability and value for money for all parties whilst allowing equality of access to government support and funding.