

**Question on Notice
No. 774
Asked on 24 May 2007**

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

QUESTION:

Will he provide details of:

- (1) The number of dwellings owned and operated by the Department of Public Housing and the breakdown of houses and units?
- (2) The number of dwellings worked in partnership as community housing (broken down into houses and units)?
- (3) The number of water meters fitted to each section (broken down into (i) public housing houses, (ii) public housing units, (iii) community housing houses and (iv) community housing units)?

ANSWER:

(1) The Department of Housing owns and operates a total of 55,481 dwellings comprised of 28,794 detached houses and 26,687 multi-unit dwellings across its major output areas of Public Housing, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing and Community Housing.

(2) The Department of Housing works in partnership with the community housing sector to provide a further 2,596 dwellings comprised of 611 detached houses and 1,985 multi-unit dwellings that are owned by registered housing providers. Additionally, through the 2006–07 grant funding to registered housing providers, 156 properties are headleased from the private market under the Crisis Accommodation Program and 2,033 properties are headleased from the private market under the Community Rent Scheme. Property details, such as building type, are not held by the department for headleased properties.

(3) The department's data indicates that there are (i) 27,676 water meters fitted to department-owned detached houses (ii) 3,391 water meters fitted to department-owned multi-unit dwellings (iii) 96 water meters fitted to community housing detached houses and (iv) 35 water meters fitted to community housing multi-units.

In South East Queensland the department owns 16,648 detached houses and its records indicate that water meters are fitted to 97.3% of these dwellings.

Historically it was not standard practice, in both the private and public sectors, to have water meters fitted to individual units in multi-unit dwellings. In fact the Local Authorities only recognised one meter per property.