

**Question on Notice
No. 872
Asked on 6 June 2007**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the government's announcement to refurbish the Lady Bowen Complex to provide short-term shelter for homeless people – What is the progress of this project and when can homeless people expect to be accommodated in the complex?

ANSWER:

The refurbishment of the Lady Bowen complex consists of three stages. Stage one is completed and opened on 22 November 2006. The Lady Bowen complex provides short-term supported accommodation for up to 39 homeless men and women.

Stages two and three are underway with the refurbishment of stage two and construction of stage three expected to be completed in approximately 12 months. It is anticipated that stages two and three will be a community-managed facility targeting people from the department's register of need (waiting list).

On completion of stages two and three, there will be an additional 55 units of accommodation (bed-sits, transitional and long-term housing) including approximately 200 square meters of space for non-residential activities.

By 2009, the Lady Bowen complex will consist of 94 units of accommodation.