

**Question on Notice
No. 909
Asked on Thursday 7 June 2007**

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

QUESTION:

How many new public housing dwellings were commenced and how many new public housing dwellings were completed in 2007 (reported separately) and what was the cost and location of each dwelling?

ANSWER:

During 2006–07, the number of dwellings that commenced construction, completed construction and were purchased by portfolio is as follows:

	Public Housing	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing	Community Housing	Total
Commenced	289	15	137	441
Completed	206	30	113	349
Purchased	187	55	231	473
2006–07 expenditure	\$115.100m	\$24.275m	\$59.430m	\$198.81m

The distribution of dwellings (that commenced construction and were purchased) by location is as follows:

RBS region	Total new dwellings
Darling Downs and West Moreton	30
Far North Queensland	80
Fitzroy	41
Greater Brisbane	299
Mackay-Whitsunday	82
North Coast	114
North Queensland	81
South Coast	78
Western Queensland	48
Wide Bay–Burnett	61
Grand Total	914

The Member should note as well as Public Housing, Community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing activity has been included.

The expenditure for 2006–07 (as reported in the MPS) has been provided for the activities of construction and acquisition of existing dwellings at a State level, as full expenditure for each project is not available until all projects are complete and the twelve months defects liability period has passed.

Under the current Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) the State has out-funded the Commonwealth, the State contributing far in excess of its funding requirements. Throughout the life of the existing CSHA the State has contributed more than \$600 million above its matching requirements.

In fact the grant provided by the Commonwealth to Queensland in 2006-07 is less than what was provided in the mid nineties.

Including 2007-08 which is the last year of the current CSHA agreement, State funds of around \$1.1 billion over four years have already been committed.