

**Question on Notice
No. 1399
Asked on 8 October 2008**

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

QUESTION:

Will he provide an update on progress of Stages 2 and 3 at Lady Bowen complex located within my electorate at Spring Hill?

ANSWER:

Lady Bowen Stage Two — Diamantina House

On 6 June 2007, refurbishment commenced on the heritage listed Lady Bowen Stage two building. It is anticipated the refurbishment will be completed in March 2009.

Lady Bowen Stage two involves the refurbishment of the existing building into 21 studio units of accommodation and office space for a housing organisation. The residential component will be managed by a funded organisation under the Community-managed Studio Unit program, while the office component will be leased to a peak State Government-funded housing organisation.

Lady Bowen Stage Three

The Stage three involved the demolition of the former servicemen's club and the construction of 34 self-contained studio units, over five floors. The complex will be managed directly by the Department of Housing and accommodate mature-aged clients.

To promote community involvement in the project, the department invited local residents to walk-through two temporarily furnished units on 8 October 2008.

The department has identified suitable tenants for the complex and commenced tenancy sign-ups on 15 October 2008.

Of the 34 units, 31 units have been tenanted and the remaining three are under offer.