

Question on Notice
No. 1863
Asked on 27 November 2008

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With reference to the Brisbane Housing Company—

- (1) How many clients does the company currently have?
- (2) How many clients did the company intend to have in their accommodation for 2007–08?

ANSWER:

The Brisbane Housing Company is an independent, not-for-profit corporation with equity contributions in cash and land by the State Government through the Department of Housing and the Brisbane City Council.

To date, the State Government has provided \$109 million to the company to construct affordable housing within the Brisbane region. A further \$5 million has been allocated for 2008–09.

- (1) The Company has 596 units of accommodation (housing approximately 730 people) spread throughout Brisbane. Initially the Company was funded to provide housing within the inner city region. With agreement from the Department of Housing and the Brisbane City Council, the Brisbane Housing Company has commenced constructing new buildings across Brisbane.
- (2) The Brisbane Housing Company ended 2007–08 with these 596 units of accommodation with approximately 730 people housed. This is in line with its Business Plan for completion of properties and therefore clients housed. I am pleased to advise the Company will be opening three new premises over the next two months, increasing its stock by 111 units of accommodation. These premises include:

Nudgee

The Brisbane Housing Company has constructed 43 units of affordable accommodation on the former Nudgee State School site, located at Earnshaw Road, Banyo. This complex encompasses 20 one-bedroom apartments; 17 two-bedroom townhouses; and six three-bedroom townhouses.

Richlands

The Brisbane Housing Company has refurbished the former Richlands TAFE site which is located at Columbia Street, Richlands. The complex includes 39 units of affordable accommodation and comprises six studio units; three one-bedroom apartments; 22 two-bedroom townhouses; four three-bedroom townhouses; and four four-bedroom townhouses.

Lutwyche

Construction is nearing completion of 29 units of accommodation at Colton Avenue, Lutwyche on land purchased by the Company. The complex includes six studio units, nine one-bedroom units; 12 two-bedroom units and two three-bedroom units.

PROJECT COMPLETION

All of the above developments will be completed between December 2008 and February 2009. Eligible applicants will be selected from the department's housing register to accommodate these complexes.

Completion will increase Brisbane Housing Company's stock to 707 units of accommodation (and housing approximately 977 people) and I commend the Company for this achievement.