

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 404**  
**Asked on 13 March 2008**

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

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the department's community housing complex and seniors units recently opened at Dawson Road, Upper Mount Gravatt-

- (1) What is the cost of construction?
- (2) How will these complexes be managed?
- (3) What are the benefits for tackling homelessness as a result of this construction?

**ANSWER:**

(1) The Department of Housing's construction of 22, one-bedroom studio apartments at 11 and 19 Dawson Road, Upper Mount Gravatt was completed in December 2007 for an approved budget of \$4.288 million.

The construction of six, two-bedroom apartments at 23 Dawson Road, Upper Mount Gravatt was completed in December 2007 for an approved budget of \$1.939 million.

(2) The complex located at 11–19 Dawson Road, Upper Mount Gravatt was completed in December 2007 and consists of 22 studio style units including three adaptable units. Brisbane Borders Ltd is managing this complex and has been a registered housing provider since 1995. It is a not-for-profit community housing organisation that provides accommodation to people who are homeless and those at risk of homelessness.

The complex at 23 Dawson Road, Upper Mount Gravatt was completed in December 2007 and consists of six two-bedroom units including two adaptable units. This complex is managed by the Brisbane South Area Office under the Public Housing Program.

(3) The construction of the one-bedroom studio units has expanded the supply of social housing accommodation.

These units will contribute to the objective of successfully moving Queenslanders who are facing homelessness or have become homeless into appropriate and adequate social housing.

As you are aware the Queensland Government has directed funds of \$235.52 million over four years (2005 – 2009) to address homelessness. State Government agencies and non-Government organisations are working together to improve existing responses and better integrate services for people at risk of homelessness, people experiencing crisis homelessness and people for whom homelessness has become a way of life. The resources are targeted at identified homelessness hot spots including Brisbane and will provide more accommodation options.