Question on Notice
No. 601
Asked on 29 April 2008

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

QUESTION:

Will he advise the names of the community groups that currently operate out of properties owned by the Department of Housing in the suburb of Inala?

ANSWER:

Historically there are a small number of properties across the State which have been leased to community organisations for non-accommodation purposes. The Department of Housing is working to have these either returned to social housing rental stock, sold to the organisation leasing the property, replaced and/or made available to the relevant State Government department. The whole purpose of this activity is to maximise the use of residential properties as homes for needy clients or at least, to obtain the appropriate revenue so that the department can purchase replacement stock. The department can no longer continue to justify the use of social housing for non-residential services, when there are so many households on the waiting list for assistance. For example there are more than 1,499 households on the department's waitlist within the Inala area.

In March 2005, under a review of Community Facilities Program, it was determined that:

- No further properties be approved for use as non-residential dwellings.
- Properties in a community renewal area will continue to be used as community facilities whilst community renewal is in the region and the activities in the property relate to community renewal activities; and
- Properties may continue to be used as a community facility while there is a low demand for public housing in that particular region.

The Tenant Participation Unit is working with area offices and community organisations to return properties to the department that are leased under the community facilities program.

Properties being utilised by community based services in the Inala electorate include:

Address	**Organisation**	**Status**
20 Skylark Street, Inala	Inala Community House Inc.	Negotiations are occurring to enable the Department of Communities to take responsibility
35 Sittella Street, Inala	Inala Community House Inc.	As above
6 Quail Street, Inala	Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane	As above
56 Poinsettia Street, Inala	Inala Family Accommodation and Support Service Inc.	As above
111 Inala Avenue, Inala	Inala Youth Service (formally known as Inala Youth Care Community Inc)	As above
12 Sittella Street, Inala	Inala Youth Service (formally known as Inala Youth Care Community Inc)	Property managed by Community Housing
113 Inala Avenue, Inala	South West Brisbane Regional Tenant Group Inc.	Organisation given legal Notice to Terminate Lease by 30 June

In addition, departmental officers are working with the Department of Communities and service providers funded under the Crisis Accommodation Program, to return departmental properties that are used as office accommodation, back to rental general stock to provide additional homes for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.