

Question on Notice

No. 1076

Asked on Tuesday 1 September 2009

MR POWELL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HOUSING AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (MS STRUTHERS)—

With reference to the increasing number of individuals and families who are resorting to sleeping in their vehicles in the Moreton Bay and Sunshine Coast regional council catchments—

Will the Minister provide a detailed list (including service description, capacity and contact details) of homelessness and emergency accommodation services and facilities in those catchments?

ANSWER:

The Department of Communities funds five non-government organisations to deliver specialist homelessness services within the Moreton Bay Regional Council boundaries. These services are presented in Table A.

Funding is also allocated by the department to 10 non-government organisations to deliver specialist homeless services within the Sunshine Coast Regional Council boundaries. These services are presented in Table B.

In addition, Homeless Persons Information Queensland provides telephone information, advice and referral service for people who are homeless and seeking information on relevant services. The statewide phone number is 1800 474 753.

Table A – Specialist Homelessness Services within the Moreton Bay Regional Council boundaries

Service Name	Service Description	Service Capacity	Contact Details - telephone
Caboolture Family Haven	Medium-term accommodation and support service for families at risk of homelessness	Up to 50 beds across a range of properties	3284 4805
Chameleon Housing	Crisis accommodation service for young people in Kippa Ring	Five crisis accommodation beds	3284 4805
Integrated Family and Youth Service – Caboolture	Supported accommodation service for young people	Five beds plus one emergency bed	5479 2499
Pine Rivers Homelessness Early Intervention Service	Early intervention services for people at risk of homelessness	One full-time worker with a case load of up to 12 clients for short term case management support	3205 2955
Youthcare Pine Rivers	Transitional accommodation service and support service for young people	Eight beds and two head lease units of housing	3881 2823

Some of the services identified in Table A provide services to homeless people over and above what they are funded to deliver through the Department of Communities via alternative funding sources.

Table B – Specialist Homelessness Services within the Sunshine Coast Regional Council boundaries

Service Name	Service Description	Service Capacity	Contact Details - telephone
Ozanam House	Crisis Accommodation for adult single men	Seven crisis beds and 15 short term accommodation beds	5441 7468
Lions Emergency Accommodation Service	Crisis accommodation service for women and children escaping domestic and family violence	14 units of housing accommodation and eight houses	5441 3837
Lions Emergency Accommodation – Early Intervention Service	Short-term support to people with complex needs who are at risk of becoming homeless	Generalist outreach early intervention services	5441 3837
Integrated Family and Youth Service – Mooloolaba	Medium-term/transitional accommodation for young people	40 bed capacity across a range of properties	5477 9009
Integrated Family and Youth Services Shelter – Maroochydore	Crisis and supported accommodation for young people	Seven beds	5438 3000
United Synergies	Medium-term/transitional accommodation for young people in Tewantin and surrounding areas	20 beds across a range of properties	5442 4277
United Synergies	Supported Accommodation Service for young people in Caloundra	19 beds across a range of properties	5442 4277
Salvation Army Noosa	Short-term accommodation and support for families	Nine beds	5447 1184
Najidah	Supported accommodation for women and children escaping domestic and family violence	19 beds across a range of properties	5479 0394
Safe Home in Noosa – Everyday Noosa Accommodation Program	Supported accommodation for women and children escaping domestic and family violence	Three units of housing	5449 5334

Some of the services identified in Table B provide services to homeless people over and above what they are funded to deliver through the Department of Communities via alternative funding sources.