

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1638**

**Asked on Thursday 29 October 2009**

**MS GRACE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HOUSING AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (MS STRUTHERS)—

What social housing projects are currently underway in the electorate of Brisbane Central and what will be the benefits to the constituents?

### **ANSWER:**

In the Brisbane Central electorate, funding of \$52.873 million has been allocated for five capital grant projects to provide an additional 292 dwellings as supported by the Australian Government under the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan—Social Housing Initiative. Two of these projects commenced construction in July 2009 with the remaining three projects planned to commence construction in 2010–11.

In 2009–10, the Department of Communities has:

- purchased 13 units of accommodation for \$3.7 million
- completed construction of 24 units of accommodation at a cost of \$3.372 million and
- plans to complete construction of a further 32 units of accommodation for an approved budget of \$4.818 million in Brisbane Central.

It is anticipated that clients allocated to these properties will primarily be from the very high need and high need segments of the Housing Register. The increase in the supply of social housing will assist the community at risk of homelessness or experiencing homelessness and reduce housing stress.