

Question on Notice

No. 1771

Asked on Wednesday 11 November 2009

MRS MENKENS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HOUSING AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (MS STRUTHERS)—

With reference to the Department of Housing's old Riverview Community Centre in Mitchell Street—

- (1) Why is the centre being auctioned and promoted as a place for a business?
- (2) Will the Minister advise if the number of people on the waiting list in Ipswich is so few that the property is no longer needed?

ANSWER:

On 7 November 2009, the property at 27 Mitchell Street, Riverview was sold at auction for \$245,000.

In 1999, the dwelling was extensively modified from a basic three-bedroom dwelling to a community facility as part of the then Department of Housing's Urban Renewal initiative. To convert the property back to residential use, it would be necessary to undertake extensive alternations. For example, the property does not have a shower or bath. The Department of Communities determined the cost to return the property to a residential dwelling would be prohibitive and that disposal was the most appropriate option.