

Question on Notice

No. 1839

Asked on Tuesday 24 November 2009

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

How much funding is being allocated to the Mount Isa Electorate for social housing maintenance and repairs?

ANSWER:

In the 2009–10 financial year, the Mount Isa electorate will benefit from approximately \$2.601 million for the upgrade of 352 existing social rental housing dwellings. Activities may include kitchen, bathroom and laundry upgrades, whole-of-house refurbishments, floor coverings and the provision of disability modifications for clients with a disability.

Approximately \$6.172 million will also be expended on maintaining social rental dwellings including responses to tenant requests, internal and external repaints, statutory/mandatory and vacant maintenance and other various maintenance activities.

Under the 2009–10 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Construction Program, the Department of Communities plans to commence construction of two, two-bedroom duplexes in Mornington for an approved budget of \$0.771million.

Also in the Mount Isa electorate through the Repairs and Maintenance component of the Australian Government's Nation Building—Economic Stimulus Plan initiative, during 2008–09 and 2009–10 a total of \$1.952 million has been allocated to provide for built-in wardrobes, ceiling insulation, upgrades to roofs, bathrooms and fencing as well as various other maintenance activities.

Funding of \$3.285 million has been allocated in Mount Isa for two construction projects to build 10 units of accommodation under the Australian Government's Nation Building—Economic Stimulus Plan initiative from which Queensland overall will receive an investment of almost \$1.2 billion in national funds for social housing.

Additionally, as remote Indigenous communities, Doomadgee and Mornington Island receive funding from both the Australian Government and the Queensland Government. In the 2009–10 financial year, the department allocated \$14.139 million for 110 upgrades, 13 new constructions and maintenance on 171 existing dwellings in Doomadgee. A further \$11.164 million has been allocated to Mornington Island for 72 upgrades, 23 new constructions and maintenance on 180 existing dwellings. The new constructions within Doomadgee and Mornington Island are subject to 40-year leases as a requirement of the Australian Government's National Partnership Agreement for Remote Indigenous Housing.