

Question on Notice

No. 1052

Asked on 17 June 2011

MR RYAN asked the Minister for Community Services and Housing and Minister for Women (MS STRUTHERS)—

QUESTION

How is the Queensland Government investing in social housing in the Caboolture Region?

ANSWER

The Queensland Government has made a significant investment in social housing in the Caboolture region through a range of projects including capital grant projects, new constructions, acquisitions of properties, land development, maintenance, upgrades and repairs. Through this investment and the Commonwealth funded Nation Building—Economic Stimulus Plan—Social Housing Initiative, the Government is providing housing assistance to Queenslanders in need.

Year	Expenditure (\$m)
2008–09	\$22.158
2009–10	\$20.465
2010–11 (to 31 May 2011)	\$35.100
Total	\$77.723

The Caboolture region has benefited from two projects that have been delivered through the Nation Building—Economic Stimulus Plan—Social Housing Initiative. The properties have been completed and are located at 21–31 Lower King Street, Caboolture and 66 Caboolture River Road, Morayfield, for a total expenditure of \$12.606 million. Together, these projects provide 44 dwellings to provide housing assistance to individuals and families in the Caboolture area. An official opening took place on 27 June 2011 for the property at Lower King Street; with some of these units offering wheelchair accessibility.

In the Caboolture region, the department has assisted 83 households with affordable housing through participation in the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) since January 2010. Rents for properties in the NRAS scheme are discounted by a minimum of 20 per cent, providing these 83 households in the Caboolture region with homes at affordable rents, ranging from \$245 to \$275 per week.

In addition, there are a further 804 approved NRAS properties to be delivered in this region from July 2011 to June 2014, providing more affordable housing options.