

Question on Notice

No. 939

Asked on 14 June 2011

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

QUESTION

For each of 2008–09, 2009–10 and 2010–11 to date, will the Minister provide (in table format separated by region) a list of the total amount spent on construction of housing and homelessness services and the number of services built in each year?

ANSWER

In this answer, I have interpreted the Member's reference to "number of services" to mean number of social housing dwellings.

One of the achievements of the Bligh Government that I am most proud of is the construction or purchase of more than 4,800 new units of social housing since 30 June 2008. These properties are distributed all over the state. This figure includes 4,519 units of social housing accommodation that have been constructed across Queensland, as well as more than 300 properties that have been purchased.

These new homes have been made possible by the Queensland Government's \$500 million investment from the Future Growth Fund into new social housing, with \$90 million spent in 2010–11, and \$60 million committed for the 2011–12 financial year.

The build also includes more than 2,700 of the 4,000 homes that will be built by June 2012 as a result of the \$1.16 billion investment by the Commonwealth Government through the Nation Building Jobs Plan—Social Housing Initiative. I remind the Member that every one of these homes was opposed by the Liberal National Coalition that he is a member of, that voted against the Nation Building Jobs Plan in the Federal Parliament.

Each of these more than 4,800 new dwellings is a home for a Queensland household in need. They provide secure, affordable accommodation to families and individuals suffering housing stress, which enables them to make long term plans and helps get their lives back on track. With each of these homes, we are making Queensland fairer, and helping ease the burden on our most vulnerable community members.

This record build is continuing, with a further 1,631 social housing units to be completed this financial year. Each construction project also brings much needed construction jobs to the local regions, with more than 3,000 jobs estimated to create this financial year as a result of the Queensland Government's social housing construction.

Caution should be taken when using the following data to realise that expenditure for a financial year was not necessarily on the units of social housing completed in that year, as part of expenditure generally occurs in the year/years before a project is completed.

Region	Activity	2008–09	2009–10	2010–11 As at 31 May 2011
Brisbane	Expenditure (\$M)	\$46.494	\$121.396	\$108.429
	Completed units	227	410	607
Central Queensland	Expenditure (\$M)	\$17.258	\$43.996	\$97.255
	Completed units	62	106	455
Far North Queensland	Expenditure (\$M)	\$10.418	\$38.047	\$65.511
	Completed units	24	113	246
North Coast	Expenditure (\$M)	\$17.460	\$44.255	\$69.771
	Completed units	109	139	291
North Queensland	Expenditure (\$M)	\$15.632	\$45.308	\$86.571
	Completed units	72	64	359
South East	Expenditure (\$M)	\$31.976	\$69.973	\$106.453
	Completed units	95	233	482
South West	Expenditure (\$M)	\$12.540	\$36.776	\$54.596
	Completed units	63	89	299
Total	Expenditure (\$M)	\$151.778	\$399.751	\$588.586
	Completed units	652	1,154	2,739