

Question on Notice
No. 472
Asked on 7 June 2013

MRS MILLER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS (MR MANDER)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Newman Government's decision to cut funding for the Tenant Advice and Advocacy Service, will the Minister provide details of (a) the savings that will be returned to the consolidated fund as a result of cutting these services and (b) the new social housing properties that will be constructed with the savings?

ANSWER:

(a) There will be no savings returned to consolidated funds as a result of ceasing the Tenant Advice and Advocacy Service. Funding for the Tenant Advice and Advocacy Service was primarily sourced from grants provided by the Residential Tenancies Authority (whose funding is derived from interest earned on rental bonds), as well as a component of direct department funding.

(b) The initial return of savings of \$5 million from 2012-13 will be redirected into the department's social housing capital works budget to deliver new accommodation in high needs areas of the State. This will provide more social housing for people in need and assist in reducing the number of households on the Housing Register waiting for social housing assistance. The number of dwellings to be delivered through these savings depends on the type and location of accommodation. At an indicative cost of \$250,000 per dwelling, \$5 million could deliver up to 20 new units of accommodation to Queenslanders in need of social housing.