

**Question on Notice
No. 704
Asked on 16 October 2013**

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister update the Gladstone community of the progress on the provision of affordable housing in the electorate including (a) an update on dwellings built by the department directly, (b) an update on dwellings being constructed in partnership with Gladstone Affordable Housing and (c) any other projects which will increase the availability of affordable rental accommodation?

ANSWER:

- a) In 2012–13, in the Gladstone Local Government Area, the department completed construction of 26 units of social housing accommodation, including 20 studio units in the locality of West Gladstone under the Community-managed Studio Units program and six, two-bedroom apartments in the locality of Boyne Island under the public housing program.

The department plans to commence construction of four, two-bedroom apartments in the locality of South Gladstone under the National Partnership Agreement on Mental Health in the second half of the 2013–14 financial year.

- b) Gladstone Affordable Housing (GAH) is an independent not-for-profit company established by Brisbane Housing Company to provide affordable rental housing in Gladstone.

The department is partnering with GAH to deliver 15 NRAS properties, expected to be built by June 2014.

- c) There are 266 dwellings currently approved for NRAS incentives in the Gladstone electorate. As at 31 October 2013, 27 NRAS dwellings had been built in the Gladstone electorate. The remaining 239 NRAS dwellings are due to be built by June 2014.

Gladstone was identified by the State Government as a priority renewal area, as part of the Queensland Government's Housing 2020 Strategy.

During the recent NRAS funding round conducted by the Commonwealth, Gladstone was named by the State Government as a priority area. Applications under these funding rounds are currently under consideration.