

Question on Notice
No. 706
Asked on 16 October 2013

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

QUESTION:

How many NRAS initiatives have been built and approved for the Gold Coast since March 2012?

ANSWER:

Between 31 March 2012 and 30 September 2013, 617 NRAS dwellings have been built. The department has been advised by NRAS Approved Participants that there are a further 130 dwellings under construction.

In March 2013, the Commonwealth Government announced two new funding rounds for additional NRAS incentives across Australia.

During these funding rounds, the Queensland Government identified the Gold Coast, and Southport in particular, as priority renewal areas and encouraged NRAS applications for these areas.

Under the “Shovel Ready” Round of NRAS funding, the Commonwealth Government has made offers for a further 64 NRAS incentives across three projects in the Gold Coast Local Government Area. Applications under NRAS “Round 5” are still being assessed.

Building more affordable housing is a key part of the Queensland Government’s Housing 2020 Strategy which aims to revitalise frontline services for families in need and further boost the building and construction pillar of our economy.