

**Question on Notice
No. 576
Asked on 6 August 2014**

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

Will the Minister advise the current social housing waiting list and how this will impact on the Broadwater Electorate?

ANSWER:

As at 30 June 2014, there were 18,597 applications for long term social housing on the Housing Register. This has decreased by more than 39% since March 2012. For the Broadwater electorate, there were 888 applications. This is also a reduction of 39% since March 2012.

The Government's Housing 2020 strategy contains a number of initiatives and projects aimed at supporting as many people as possible to access appropriate housing. This includes delivering an additional 12,000 social and affordable housing dwellings across the state, including 500 in the Gold Coast region.

There are 82 approved incentives under the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) in the Broadwater state electorate. 41 dwellings have been delivered to date, 35 of those have been delivered under the current government since 31 March 2012.

My department has also been working on streamlining assessment processes to ensure applicants are offered housing products that best suit their needs. In particular clients who are able to access other housing alternatives such as the private rental market rather than long term social housing are being supported with private rental products such as RentConnect and bond loans. On the Gold Coast, including those living in the Broadwater state electorate, 1656 households have been assisted through RentConnect and 5779 households have been assisted with bond loans since 1 April 2012.