

**Question on Notice
No. 77
Asked on 4 March 2014**

MR WATTS asked the Minister for Housing and Public Works (MR MANDER)-

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update on the construction of the new social housing complex at Holberton Street, Toowoomba and what other plans the Newman Government has to deliver more social and affordable housing for vulnerable families in the Toowoomba region?

ANSWER:

Providing more social and affordable housing options for vulnerable families is a key objective of the Queensland Government Housing 2020 Strategy to revitalise frontline services.

The physical construction of 12, two-bedroom apartments at 123 Holberton Street, Newtown started on site in early-December 2013. Construction is currently forecast to be completed in late-July 2014.

In the Toowoomba local government area, the Department of Housing and Public Works also has plans to commence construction of two, two-bedroom dual occupancy units funded under the Spinal Cord Injuries Program. Construction is currently forecast to commence in late-May 2014.

In addition, between September 2009 and February 2014, the Queensland Government has assisted in delivering 155 affordable dwellings in the Toowoomba local government area through the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS). An additional 36 NRAS dwellings are due for delivery by 30 June 2014.