

Question on Notice
No. 552
Asked on Tuesday 14 July 2015

MR WATTS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (HON L ENOCH) —

For each property or facility administered by the Department of Housing will the Minister provide (a) the value of scheduled maintenance works for 2015-16, by facility, including a brief description of the works to be undertaken, and (b) the value of scheduled capital works for 2015-16, by facility, including a brief description of the works to be undertaken?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government believes that in a decentralised State like Queensland, Government building projects help deliver employment when and where it is most needed.

The 2015-16 State Budget, released on 14 July 2015 by the Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, the Honourable Curtis Pitt MP, includes an estimated \$10.1 billion spend on infrastructure across Queensland this financial year, supporting an estimated 27,500 direct jobs.

As the Treasurer outlined in his budget speech, this year's capital works budget is higher by nearly \$400 million, compared to the estimated actual spend last year.

Key capital and maintenance works planned within the Department of Housing and Public Works for 2015-16 include:

Housing Services

Capital Works

- \$183.6 million for social housing to commence construction of 274 rental units, complete construction of 258 rental units, purchase 32 rental units and upgrade existing social housing.
- \$129 million for social housing in Indigenous communities (including \$112.8 million funding through the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing) to commence construction of 60 rental units, complete construction of 207 rental units and upgrade existing social housing.

Maintenance

- In 2015-16 estimated expenditure for maintenance is \$226.4 million for the social housing portfolio and \$19.3 million as maintenance grants across 34 Indigenous communities providing social housing.

Public Works

Capital Works

- \$6.2 million for the roof replacement project at the Cairns Convention Centre.
- \$11.9 million for the construction of 18 units for government employee housing on Thursday Island.

Maintenance

- \$2.3 million for planned and unplanned maintenance at 11 cyclone shelters.
- \$11.7 million for scheduled maintenance works to be undertaken at 195 non-residential facilities administered by the Government Accommodation Office.

For more details relating to these and other planned works, I refer the Honourable Member to the publicly available 2015-16 State Budget Papers, in particular Budget Paper No.3 titled *Capital Statement* and to my department's Service Delivery Statement.

While I do not believe that it would be practicable, nor would it be reasonable, to divert the resources of my department to outline every single individual work in this answer as requested in the Member's question, if the Member has a specific question about work at a specific facility then I would be more than happy to seek the information.