

**Question on Notice
No. 1525
Asked on Thursday 1 September 2016**

MR KING ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS (HON M DE BRENNI) —

Will the Minister advise on public housing funding as announced in the recent budget and the progress of public housing projects in my electorate of Kallangur?

ANSWER

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to the provision of housing and homelessness services in Queensland. Access to safe, secure and affordable housing is a key foundation for a person to achieve other important outcomes including access to employment and quality health and education.

In 2016-17, the Department of Housing and Public Works is providing Housing and Homelessness services statewide through a number of measures, which include:

- Over \$409 million in capital purchases and grants funding for social housing including:
 - new construction
 - purchase of existing homes and land; and
 - property upgrades.
- Over \$262 million in maintenance for social housing including:
 - responsive repairs to rectify breakdown of components and incidental damage resulting from storm, flood, cyclone and fire or termite damage;
 - planned maintenance, inclusive of cyclical statutory and mandatory services; and
 - property maintenance to restore vacant dwellings for new tenants.
- Over \$180 million for housing and homelessness service delivery in 2016-17 including:
 - Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) for the provision of accommodation and support to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.
 - Crisis Accommodation Program services to head-lease accommodation to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.
 - Community Rent Scheme (CRS) to providers to head-lease properties in the private market.
 - Private market assistance including Rental Grants, tenant and resident information and advice services, as well as Home Assist Secure (HAS) to support eligible people to remain living in their home by providing critical home maintenance and addressing safety issues.
- \$30 million for Bond Loans and Home Loan products.
- \$27.728 million through the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS).

In the State electorate of Kallangur in the 2016-17 financial year, it is estimated that \$1.7 million will be invested as follows:

- \$1.5 million on maintaining approximately 510 social housing rental units;
- \$0.2 million on delivering 39 upgrade projects.

In terms of housing and homelessness service delivery within the Kallangur State Electorate in 2016-17:

- \$0.682million (GST exclusive) for an SHS to provide mobile support services to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- \$0.430 million (GST exclusive) to Pine Rivers Home Assist to deliver HAS services to people in the electorate of Kallangur and surrounding areas.
- \$0.784 million (GST exclusive) for NRAS (estimated at 31 August 2016).

Across the wider North Brisbane to Caboolture region, an additional \$1.639 million (GST exclusive) of Community Rent Scheme (CRS) funding was provided to Bric Housing to head-lease between 120 and 126 dwellings. This funding allows providers the flexibility to change property locations based on local emerging needs as required.