

Question on Notice
No. 1687
Asked on Thursday 15 September 2016

MS FARMER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS (HON M DE BRENNI) —

Will the Minister advise how seniors in the Bulimba Electorate will benefit from new social housing being built in Murarrie?

ANSWER

The Department of Housing and Public Works delivers housing assistance and support services to approximately 23,000 seniors across the State on low incomes living in social housing that is physically appropriate or adapted to their needs.

In the electorate of Bulimba, I can advise that 41 new one and two bedroom dwellings are planned in Murarrie over the next two years:

- 12 one bedroom apartments are due to be completed in October 2016; and
- 13 two bedroom apartments and 16 one bedroom apartments are due to commence construction in 2017.

Tenancing of the new developments in Murarrie will accommodate households on the Housing Register as well as existing public housing tenants eligible for one and two bedroom dwellings, many of them seniors, wishing to move from older houses in the surrounding area.

Relocating tenants from within the neighbourhood allows existing service and social networks to be maintained while living in a home that better suits their needs.

All of the apartments in Murarrie include features such as wider hallways, level thresholds and provision for grab rails, making them suitable for people with impaired mobility. Some of these apartments also include additional features such as extra clearance spaces, making them particularly suitable for people who mobilise in wheelchairs.

28 of the new one bedroom dwellings in Murarrie will also feature additional space to assist tenants downsizing to a smaller home.

In addition, 10 one bedroom apartments at Morningside are due to commence construction later in 2016.

The addition of one and two bedroom apartments assists social housing clients, including seniors, needing smaller and more accessible dwellings

The developments also provide easy to maintain apartments and are designed to the department's Design Standards for New Construction. These standards are aligned with Livable Housing Australia's Livable Housing Design Guidelines, referencing Gold and Platinum Levels.