

Question on Notice

No. 274

Asked on 2 March 2017

MR L MILLAR ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT (HON C PITT)—

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer advise how many First Home Owners Grants have been made to residents of the Bowen Basin communities?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government is committed to helping Queenslanders achieve the dream of owning their first home sooner and in the 2016-17 Budget increased the amount of the Queensland First Home Owners' Grant (QFHOG) to \$20,000 from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

The increase will also generate additional demand for new dwellings, supporting the residential construction activity and maintaining housing construction skills and employment across the State.

This important initiative takes on greater significance in regional Queensland, where \$20,000 represents a larger proportion of a deposit on the median house prices in many regional cities.

From 1 July 2016 to 6 March 2017, the Queensland Government has provided 85 payments to first home buyers within the Statistical Area of Mackay, which includes urban areas such as Bowen, Moranbah, Dysart and Clermont.

For the same period, 155 payments have been provided to first home buyers within the Statistical Area of Fitzroy, which includes urban areas such as Emerald, Springsure, Rolleston and Biloela.