

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1188**  
**Asked on Tuesday, 18 September 2018**

**MR E SORENSEN** ASKED MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS; MINISTER FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON M DE BRENNI)

Will the Minister advise why the government bulldozed a public house, and the vacant block of land was sold at auction, at 100 Corser Street, Point Vernon?

**ANSWER**

The Department of Housing and Public Works took possession of the former Rental Purchase Plan property located at 100 Corser Street, Point Vernon as it was determined to be in a poor state of repair with significant structural damage due to termite infestation. The property posed a safety risk to the occupants who were subsequently rehoused and supplied social housing.

Under the requirements of the *Housing Act 2002*, the department must sell repossessed Rental Purchase Plan properties through public auction. The public auction was undertaken on 19 October 2017, with the sale concluding (settlement occurred) on 20 November 2017. Upon sale of the property, the previous tenant received a portion of the proceeds.

The department also reviewed whether the site could be used for redevelopment for social housing however, based on demand at that time, the department had no plans for new social housing in Point Vernon.

The sale of individual homes or parcels of land is a critical component of the management of the department's portfolio. It ensures the portfolio continues to provide targeted, equitable, sustainable and cost-effective social housing accommodation, and that assets do not become a maintenance and financial burden.

The Housing Construction Jobs Program is a key initiative of the *Queensland Housing Strategy 2017-2027*, which will provide a \$1.6 billion investment to deliver more social and affordable housing over the next 10 years in priority regions across the state. The program focuses on providing more housing in key population and economic growth areas to help address the State's long-term housing needs by supporting and accelerating new construction and precinct development.

Over the first five years of the strategy, the department has committed to invest \$25 million to deliver 56 new social housing homes in the Wide Bay/Burnett Region.

In the first year of the strategy, contracts were awarded for the commencement of four new social housing homes in the Wide Bay/Burnett Region. A further five new homes are targeted to commence in year two.