

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1384**  
**Asked on Wednesday, 17 October 2018**

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

With reference to the 'Queensland: An age-friendly community' implementation schedule—

Will the Minister provide a table of the progress of each 'Housing' deliverable that shows actions taken for each deliverable and progress against the expected timeline of each deliverable?

**ANSWER**

The *Queensland: An age-friendly community* strategy to enable people of all ages to actively participate in community life is the responsibility of the Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors.

Under the Housing deliverable, the Department of Housing and Public Works is delivering 17 actions in the strategy's implementation schedule.

The timetable for delivery of each action is outlined in the implementation schedule which can be accessed at <https://www.communities.qld.gov.au/resources/dcdss/seniors/age-friendly-community/qaqc-implementation-schedule.pdf>.

The first action completed was the implementation of the *Queensland Housing Strategy 2017-2027*, in June 2017. It has laid the foundations for better housing outcomes for all Queenslanders, including seniors. Through the *Queensland Housing Strategy 2017-2020 Action Plan*, the department has:

- Supported the passage of the Housing Legislation (Building Better Futures) Amendment Act 2017 which provides better protection for retirement village residents and manufactured home owners, including improving processes relating to dispute resolution, site rent increases, utilities charging, visitor access, and processes for considering objections to new park rules; and
- Funded peak groups and home owner associations to provide advocacy and support to seniors and other residents.

Some other key highlights are:

- 82 per cent of new social housing dwellings completed in 2017-18 were constructed to Gold Level or Platinum Level to increase accessibility and adaptability for older Queenslanders – exceeding the goal of 50 per cent.
- In 2017-18, HomeStay support services and Common Ground Brisbane assisted 287 older Queenslanders to maintain their tenancies.
- RentConnect's Advisory Service assisted 1,676 older Queenslanders with information and advice about entering the private rental market.
- Home Assist Secure delivered services to 37,004 households.
- As at 30 June 2018, there are 7,034 seniors (65+ age group) who have government-owned and managed social rental housing tenancies.