

Question on Notice
No. 1538
Asked on Wednesday, 31 October 2018

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

Will the Minister detail any plans to renew, replace or upgrade public and social housing in the electorate of Greenslopes?

ANSWER

I thank the Member for his continued advocacy for more safe, secure and sustainable homes for the Greenslopes community. I know the Member understands that public housing is more than housing, it's about people and building communities together.

Following representations from the Member, I am pleased to confirm detailed site investigations are being undertaken to deliver additional new social homes within the Holland Park precinct through the redevelopment of existing social housing as part of the Palaszczuk Government's \$1.6 billion Housing Construction Jobs Program. The suburb retains several features such as schools, parks, retail and good access to high frequency public transport, which complement further development.

The Palaszczuk Government is also continuing to deliver an ongoing upgrade program to ensure that social homes are fit for purpose, safe and secure for Queenslanders. More than 70 individual upgrade projects for social homes will be completed within the Greenslopes community for the 2018-19 financial year. These works include upgrades such as kitchen, bathroom and laundry replacement, new floor coverings, new fencing, as well as the completion of a \$4 million upgrade at 44 Vine Street, Greenslopes.

I appreciate the Member's ongoing involvement during the Vine Street upgrade and ensuring tenants had been given a voice throughout the entire process. I thank the Member for the invite to celebrate the completion with the tenants on 7 November 2018.

It was an opportunity for the Palaszczuk Government to announce Queensland's new tenant engagement program, TenantConnect, following the Newman LNP Government terminating the program in 2012.

TenantConnect will highlight the valuable contribution public housing tenants make in our community and I know the Member is committed to ensuring tenants have their say, and contribute and build the new tenant engagement program.

Tenants can get more information and take part in an online survey at www.qld.gov.au/tenantconnect or share their stories and ideas by emailing tenantconnect@hpw.qld.gov.au.