

Question on Notice
No. 579
Asked on Tuesday, 15 May 2018

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

With reference to increases in stamp duty taxes that have raised an extra \$278m in the past year, up 8 percent on the 2016 figure of \$3b and the rising costs of home ownership are that are mounting against prospective buyers —

Will the Minister advise whether there will be a continuation of the First Home Owner's Grant Scheme to ease financial stresses and make entry into the housing market more feasible for first time buyers?

ANSWER

I thank the Member for the question and can advise that responsibility for the First Home Owner's Grant Scheme falls within the portfolio responsibilities of my colleague, the Honourable Jackie Trad, Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering for housing affordability. The first \$15,000 First Home Owner's Grant Scheme will be continued in 2018-19 and will continue to help first home owners.

A number of other measures will continue in 2018-19 and are targeted at helping first home buyers. First home buyers will continue to benefit from transfer duty concessions as well as concessions for vacant land for first home buyers.

Further, the Palaszczuk Government is continuing to deliver the \$1.8 billion Queensland Housing Strategy which will boost the supply of affordable housing.