

Question on Notice
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Asked on Wednesday, 27 November 2019

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

With reference to the Queensland Housing Strategy Action Plan 2017-2020—
Will the Minister report on the progress of action items to (a) establish a Queensland Government Housing portal, (b) establish a Housing and Homelessness Research Alliance and (c) provide a link to the portal if it has been established and provide any reports or findings of the research alliance?

ANSWER

The *Queensland Housing Strategy Action Plan 2017–2020* initiates an approach to delivering social and affordable housing in communities across the state with a focus on revitalising neighbourhoods, improving housing diversity and providing a safety net for Queensland's most vulnerable, while considering wider community needs for housing choice and affordability.

a)

The 'Homes and Housing' portal has been established. The portal links Queenslanders to information on products and services including information regarding private rental, home ownership, aged care, community housing, temporary and emergency housing and information for housing providers and investors.

In August 2018, the Queensland Housing Service Finder was included on the portal to improve the digital access to information for Queenslanders on the range of housing and support services relevant to their circumstances and needs. The information on the portal is continually enhanced to provide Queenslanders with more digital access to identifying pathways for housing assistance.

b)

The Housing and Homelessness Research Alliance (HHRA) was established in early 2018 and has been convened on several occasions to provide expert advice and input on research and evaluation activities relevant to the department. The HHRA is comprised of experts in housing and housing related data and research across academic, non-government and government sectors.

c)

The link to the 'Homes and Housing' portal is www.qld.gov.au/housing

As a voluntary advisory group, the HHRA does not undertake research or produce research reports. The role of the HHRA is to advise and guide the department on the availability or commissioning of research (or identified gaps) that could support delivery of the Queensland Housing Strategy, and on appropriate approaches and methodologies for evaluation of the Housing Strategy and key initiatives.