

Question on Notice

No. 1220

Asked on Friday, 4 December 2020

MR N DAMETTO ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL ECONOMY AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the government's allocation of \$10m to fund a one-off Seniors and Accessibility Assistance grant of up to \$5000 for eligible applicants to improve the safety and security of their home—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many applications were received for funding, (b) the date applications were closed, (c) the reasons for delays in processing applications and (d) the number of successful applications (broken down by electorate)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

On 16 June 2020, the Queensland Government announced the Unite and Recover Stimulus Package to respond to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in Queensland. As part of this package, the Premier and Minister for Trade announced the \$10 million Seniors and Accessibility Assistance (SAA) for:

- supporting older Queenslanders and people of any age with disability to live safely at home
- delivering local opportunities for trades and contractors across the state.

SAA was delivered through the existing Home Assist Secure program to fund urgent, larger one-off works for higher cost safety and accessibility issues.

A total of 22,106 enquiries were received from interested households.

The 41 Home Assist Secure providers across the state worked with enquirers, assisting them to complete applications, including arranging quotes from local trades people. The department processed applications from 16 June through to 20 August 2020 when applications closed.

A total of 2814 applications were approved under the initiative, supporting the jobs of over 3600 tradespeople across Queensland. A breakdown of successful applications by electorate is at **Attachment 1**.

The funded works are at various stages of completion, with some jobs already completed and many more underway across the state.

Attachment 1

Seniors and Accessibility Assistance approved applications by Electorate

State electorate	Approved
ALGESTER	6
ASPLEY	49
BANCROFT	17
BARRON RIVER	26
BONNEY	39
BROADWATER	74
BUDERIM	23
BULIMBA	28
BUNDABERG	21
BUNDAMBA	29
BURDEKIN	45
BURLEIGH	52
BURNETT	10
CAIRNS	17
CALLIDE	26
CALOUNDRA	5
CAPALABA	27
CHATSWORTH	12
CLAYFIELD	14
CONDAMINE	18
COOK	32
COOMERA	24
COOPER	11
CURRUMBIN	57
EVERTON	20
FERNY GROVE	31
GAVEN	32
GLADSTONE	22
GLASS HOUSE	9
GREENSLOPES	21
GREGORY	36
GYMPIE	127
HERVEY BAY	112
HILL	123
HINCHINBROOK	23
INALA	12
IPSWICH	44
IPSWICH WEST	42
JORDAN	7
KAWANA	4
KEPPEL	40
KURWONGBAH	36
LOCKYER	33
LOGAN	5
LYTTON	16
MACALISTER	10
MACKAY	85
MAIWAR	13

MANSFIELD	15
MAROOCHYDORE	22
MARYBOROUGH	169
McCONNEL	4
MERMAID BEACH	9
MILLER	2
MIRANI	45
MOGGILL	22
MORAYFIELD	3
MOUNT OMMANEY	3
MUDGEERABA	8
MULGRAVE	13
MUNDINGBURRA	9
MURRUMBA	47
NANANGO	71
NICKLIN	32
NINDERRY	23
NOOSA	16
NUDGEE	33
OODGEROO	29
PINE RIVERS	58
PUMICESTONE	5
REDCLIFFE	53
REDLANDS	22
ROCKHAMPTON	54
SANDGATE	76
SCENIC RIM	12
SOUTH BRISBANE	7
SOUTHERN DOWNS	28
SOUTHPORT	41
SPRINGWOOD	7
STAFFORD	25
STRETTON	13
SURFERS PARADISE	4
THEODORE	42
THURINGOWA	10
TOOHEY	13
TOOWOOMBA NORTH	43
TOOWOOMBA SOUTH	40
TOWNSVILLE	8
TRAEGER	30
WARREGO	39
WATERFORD	11
WHITSUNDAY	31
WOODRIDGE	2
TOTAL	2814