

Question on Notice

No. 1281

Asked on Tuesday, 26 October 2021

MRS L GERBER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL ECONOMY AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) the number of Southern Gold Coast residents, organised by state electorate, on a Queensland Government waitlist for social housing, (b) of these Southern Gold Coast residents, the number of veterans, organised by state electorate, currently registered, (c) the number of affordable housing dwellings being built on the Southern Gold Coast and (d) the number of affordable housing dwellings currently available to renters on the Southern Gold Coast?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy (DCHDE) publishes segmented Queensland Housing Register data annually.

The latest publicly available Social Housing Register data, reported as applications, is available on the Queensland Government Open Data Portal at <https://www.data.qld.gov.au/dataset/social-housing-register>.

The data available on the Open Data Portal lists applicants by State Electorate.

DCHDE remains committed to ensuring that people, including Veterans, have a safe place to live with dignity. There is not one size that fits all when it comes to assisting Queenslanders into safe and sustainable housing solutions.

It is not a mandatory part of a social housing application for a person to indicate whether or not they are a veteran.

The Queensland Government delivers a range of information and services, including accommodation and housing, available on the Queensland Veterans' Portal at [Veterans | Community support | Queensland Government \(www.qld.gov.au\)](http://www.qld.gov.au/veterans)

The Palaszczuk Government has launched the *Queensland Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021–2025* (the Action Plan). Through this Action Plan, the Government is investing \$2.9 billion to help more vulnerable Queenslanders into homes quicker, which is the largest concentrated investment in social housing in Queensland's history. This includes a \$1.9 billion investment over four years under the Queensland Housing Investment Growth Initiative (QHIGI) to commence 7,400 new social homes, supported by a \$1 billion Housing Investment Fund to boost housing supply and increase housing and homelessness support across Queensland. DCHDE will also provide private housing outcomes including head leasing properties through the Help to Home Initiative to meet emergent need.

DCHDE is focussed on the delivery of more social housing in key areas of need. The QHIGI procurement process is now open and provides an important opportunity to quickly expand social housing supply across all regions of Queensland, including the Gold Coast region.

As part of QHIGI, QuickStarts Qld will see 260 new social homes commenced on the Gold Coast by 30 June 2025, through a planned investment of \$70.4 million over 4 years, supporting more than 225 full-time equivalent jobs.

This is in addition to the 275 new social homes that are already commenced under the *Queensland Housing Strategy 2017–2027* and 14 new social homes commenced under Works for Tradies.

It is anticipated that all Local Government Areas within each region will see activity through this program. As new social housing opportunities become available these will be assessed and included in the program.

In addition, the Queensland Government has launched the \$1 billion Housing Investment Fund which will call on the property sector, institutional investors, and local governments to team up with the community housing sector to deliver up to 3,600 social housing and additional affordable housing for all of Queensland, including the Gold Coast.

The department has also provided 327 Bond Loans and 132 Rental Grants for customers in the Gold Coast LGA between 1 January 2021 and 31 October 2021.

DCHDE is focused on delivering social housing outcomes and does not capture affordable housing dwellings.

As at 31 October 2021, there are 5,150 social housing dwellings and 931 active National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) dwellings in the Gold Coast Local Government Area (LGA). This is a significant number of NRAS properties which will come off the affordable housing scheme as the Morrison Government walks away from its responsibilities to support affordable housing. By mid-2025 there will be no affordable housing under NRAS and tenants who exit the program will need to find alternative accommodation or pay an increase in rent that could place them under housing stress. I would urge you to join me in calling on the Morrison Government to re-commit to NRAS and support vulnerable Queenslanders.