

Question on Notice

No. 2

Asked on Tuesday, 23 February 2021

MS F SIMPSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL ECONOMY AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the desperate shortage of social housing with a significant number of people on the housing register—

Will the Minister advise, for the Maroochydore Electorate, how many people were waiting for housing in 2019, 2020 and as at January 2021 (reported separately for each year)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

The Queensland Government is committed to safe, secure, and affordable housing for Queenslanders.

The department actively works with customers to assist them to access the most appropriate services to address their housing needs. Many of those registered for social housing in the 2019-20 financial year have also received other forms of assistance into the private rental market through a bond loan, a rental grant or help through one of the RentConnect services.

Often these products can more effectively address a person's immediate needs. In cases of extended time on the housing register, this can relate to applicants who are suitably housed but wish to remain listed as a safety net in the event of future change of circumstances. The provision of other housing services does not exclude an individual or household from remaining on the housing register, as was the policy of the former LNP Government.

In 2019-20, there were 220,547 forms of housing assistance provided to Queensland households including emergency housing, social housing, and private market assistance.

Data for the Housing Register, Maroochydore State Electorate is publicly available on the Queensland Government Open Data Portal at <https://www.data.qld.gov.au/dataset/social-housing-register>.