

Question on Notice

No. 403

Asked on Tuesday, 20 April 2021

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the \$1.8b Queensland Housing Strategy released by the Palaszczuk Government in 2017, the population of Ipswich expected to double in the next 10 to 15 years, and the State Government's commitment to increasing the amount of social and affordable housing in Ipswich—

Will the Minister outline for the electorate of Ipswich West (a) what social housing projects are currently under construction, (b) what are planned and (c) if there are projects specifically designed for people with a disability?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

Since the commencement of the *Queensland Housing Strategy 2017–2027*, contracts have been awarded for the commencement of 229 new social housing dwellings in the Ipswich Region. This includes 12 new dwellings in the Ipswich West State Electorate, forecast to commence construction by the end of May 2021. Of the 229 commencements, 160 have been completed. Of the 160 completed, 43 are located in the Ipswich West State Electorate.

Of the 12 new dwellings forecast to commence construction in the Ipswich West State Electorate, three dwellings are designed to Gold Level and include features such as level thresholds, wider doorways and hallways are suitable for older people or people with impaired mobility. A further three dwellings are designed to Platinum Level and include some extra features such as additional clearances, making them suitable for residents who mobilise in wheelchairs. Of the 43 dwellings completed in the Ipswich West State Electorate, 25 dwellings have been designed to Gold Level, and five dwellings have been designed to Platinum Level.