

Question on Notice

No. 633

Asked on Tuesday, 25 May 2021

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of social housing dwellings and land (reported separately) sold by the department for each of the following periods, broken down by state electoral district (a) 1 January 2015 - 31 December 2015, (b) 1 January 2016 - 31 December 2016, (c) 1 January 2017 - 31 December 2017, (d) 1 January 2018 - 31 December 2018, (e) 1 January 2019 - 31 December 2019 and (f) 1 January 2020 - 31 December 2020?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

Overall social housing stock has increased since 2015. The Palaszczuk Government has built over 3,000 new social homes since 2015 and have started another 448.

The Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy's owned social housing portfolio comprises approximately 61,400 dwellings throughout the State. Given the size and characteristics of the portfolio, it is essential that it be managed in a strategic manner in order to meet long-term housing need.

The sale of dwellings is a critical component of the management of the department's Portfolio and has been normal practice for decades in Queensland. It ensures the portfolio continues to provide fit for purpose targeted, equitable, sustainable and cost-effective social housing accommodation, and that properties do not become a maintenance and financial burden.

Due to the redistribution of Queensland electoral boundaries in 2017 it is not possible to provide a list which correctly reflects current state electorates for the time period the Member has indicated. However, the following information is available:

Between 1 January 2015 - 31 December 2015, the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy (DCHDE) sold 237 dwellings and 63 parcels of land.

Between 1 January 2016 - 31 December 2016, DCHDE sold 269 dwellings and 117 parcels of land.

Between 1 January 2017 - 31 December 2017, DCHDE sold 273 dwellings and 104 parcels of land.

Between 1 January 2018 - 31 December 2018, DCHDE sold 284 dwellings and 41 parcels of land.

Between 1 January 2019 - 31 December 2019, DCHDE sold 303 dwellings and 52 parcels of land.

Between 1 January 2020 - 31 December 2020, DCHDE sold 248 dwellings and 78 parcels of land.

This record of the Palaszczuk government stands in contrast with the former LNP Government who only completed 253 social housing dwellings in 2013-14 and 325 in 2014-15. In addition, the Newman LNP Government sold more than 590 social housing dwellings over that period. As a result, between 2012 and 2014, when the Member for Everton was the Minister for Housing, the total number of social housing dwellings in Queensland fell by 428.