

Question on Notice

No. 785

Asked on Wednesday, 16 June 2021

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the \$63.6m earmarked in the 2020-21 Queensland Budget for Social Housing on the Gold Coast—

Will the Minister advise the status of those works as we near the completion of the current financial year?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

The Queensland Budget for 2020-21 allocated \$63.6 million to expand and improve social housing in the Gold Coast Region.

In the 2020-21 financial year, this has contributed towards the commencement of 100 new homes, the completion of 123 new social homes, including the Gold Coast Youth Foyer, acquisition of land and the maintenance and upgrade of existing social housing.

The Queensland Government recently announced the Queensland Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021–2025 (the Action Plan) backed by a \$1.9 billion investment over four years and the establishment of a \$1 billion Housing Investment Fund to boost housing supply and increase housing and homelessness support across Queensland. This is the largest concentrated investment in social housing in Queensland's history and will increase the supply of social and affordable housing by almost 10,000 over the life of the *Queensland Housing Strategy 2017–2027* (the Strategy), including 7,400 new homes over the next four years.

Underpinning this Action Plan is the Queensland Housing Investment Growth Initiative which will accelerate and build on the existing new social home targets under the Strategy. This includes QuickStarts Qld - a new whole of Queensland capital program which will see 260 new social homes commenced on the Gold Coast by 1 July 2025, through a planned investment of \$70.4 million over four 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* in the Gold Coast Region.