

Question on Notice

No. 1064

Asked on Friday, 14 October 2022

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how many additional public housing dwellings will be available for accommodation in the Warrego Electorate by 30 June 2022 as a result of capital expenditure in the 2021-22 financial year (reported separately by type of dwelling)?

ANSWER:

New social housing investment targets locations and housing types most in need, whilst providing tenants with an opportunity to connect, prosper and participate in community life. The location of new social housing responds to need as reflected in the housing register and other Queensland Housing Investment Growth Initiative (QHIGI) housing demand indicators, including population growth, housing affordability and homelessness.

Whilst no additional social housing dwellings were made available by 30 June 2022 as a result of the capital expenditure in the 2021-22 financial year, the department executed a funding agreement with a Community Housing Provider to commence five, new social housing dwellings in the Warrego Electorate and released capital expenditure of \$75,000 for the early investigation and design of two additional projects with the potential to deliver a further six new social housing dwellings. The department also invested \$301,000 of capital expenditure to upgrade social housing in the Warrego State Electorate.

This is part of the Palaszczuk Government's record \$3.9 billion investment in social and affordable housing across Queensland. This will mean that since 2015 – across several programs – we will have commenced more than 13,000 social and affordable homes by 2027.