

Question on Notice

No. 1281

Asked on Tuesday, 8 November 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to Community Housing and the government's Community Rent Scheme—

Will the Minister advise (a) the number of registered providers approved under the scheme, (b) the number of properties tenanted under the scheme each year at 30 June from 2017, (c) budgeted expenditure per financial year committed to the Community Rent Scheme since 2017-18 and (d) actual expenditure per financial year committed to the Community Rent Scheme since 2017-18?

ANSWER:

The Community Rent Scheme (CRS) is a recurrently funded program which provides social housing assistance to eligible households on the Housing Register.

As at 31 October 2022, the CRS is delivered by 20 registered community housing providers. CRS providers lease and manage department-owned properties and/or are funded to headlease and manage properties from the private rental market.

The number of properties tenanted under the CRS fluctuates over a 12-month period. As at 30 June 2017, 1690 properties were tenanted; as at 30 June 2018, 1618 properties were tenanted; as at 30 June 2019, 1606 properties were tenanted; as at 30 June 2020, 1738 properties were tenanted; as at 30 June 2021, 1791 properties were tenanted; and as at 30 June 2022, 1784 properties were tenanted.

In 2017-18, the budgeted expenditure committed to the CRS was \$17,997,000; in 2018-19, the budgeted expenditure was \$18,788,000; in 2019-20, the budgeted expenditure was \$19,499,000; in 2020-21, the budgeted expenditure was \$19,538,000 and in 2021-22, the budgeted expenditure was \$19,888,000.

The budget allocation for CRS includes the estimated difference between the market cost of a headlease and the assumed rent paid by tenants, as well as a contribution to the operating costs for leasing and managing these properties.

In 2017-18, the actual expenditure for the CRS was \$17,923,000; in 2018-19, the actual expenditure was \$18,788,000; in 2019-20, the actual expenditure was \$19,499,000; in 2020-21, the actual expenditure was \$19,538,000 and in 2021-22, the actual expenditure was \$20,075,000.