Question on Notice

No. 1292

Asked on Wednesday, 9 November 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the continuing need for social housing stock in the Central West—Will the Minister advise when renovation and repair works will commence on the vacant one bedroom units on the corner of Sparrow and Crane Streets, Longreach and when the units will become available for tenants?

ANSWER:

The Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy (DCHDE) actively manages the portfolio to minimise the length of time social housing is vacant and ensure people in high housing need receive timely assistance.

The department is in discussions with the Longreach Regional Council to explore and investigate options for the future use of the dwellings and the site. The commencement of any future work on this site is subject to these discussions.

The Queensland Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021-2025 commits to the delivery of 2765 new social housing dwellings across Queensland, including 118 new social housing dwellings for the Outback Region, and as at 31 October 2022, contracts have been awarded for 20 new dwellings for this region.

The Queensland Government is investing \$3.9 billion to increase the social and affordable housing supply – the largest concentrated investment in Queensland's history.