

Question on Notice

No. 1458

Asked on Thursday, 1 December 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to public housing in Gympie and answer to Question on Notice No. 377 of 2022—

Will the Minister advise (a) when were the two projects totalling three new homes completed, (b) when will the additional project be completed, (c) how many homes are projected to be built on the three sites identified suitable for development, and the timeline for completion and (d) if the government has identified any further land, including unused state land, for future housing?

ANSWER:

The two projects totalling three units of accommodation were completed in late November 2022.

The additional project, that will deliver 14 units of accommodation once completed, is currently forecast for completion in late 2023/early 2024.

The three sites that were identified as potentially suitable for development in response to the Gympie flooding event are now progressing through design and are anticipated to achieve a yield of up to 14 units of accommodation. The completion forecast will be determined once the projects have progressed through the design process and the contracts have been awarded.

The department also acquired a four-bedroom detached house in the Gympie State Electorate in November 2022.

This is in addition to the 26 units of accommodation being established at the previous Gympie Caravan Park.

The Gympie Local Housing Action Plan was launched in December 2022. This Local Housing Action Plan was developed through joint discussions between the Queensland Government and Gympie Regional Council in consultation with key local housing stakeholders. The plan responds to a range of immediate, emerging, and longer-term housing challenges in the Gympie region.

The department currently continues to monitor other land options including land that may be identified by the Gympie Regional Council and from the audit of state government-owned land and buildings as referenced in the Queensland Housing Summit Outcomes report.