

Question on Notice

No. 1471

Asked on Thursday, 1 December 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the February-March 2022 Floods on the Gold Coast—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many people ended up in crisis accommodation, (b) the average amount of time spent in crisis accommodation and (c) the longest time period spent in crisis accommodation?

ANSWER:

The Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy provides temporary accommodation solutions and services for impacted members of a community during a disaster, including the 2022 flooding and severe weather events, through an Emergency Housing Assistance Response (EHAR).

In relation to the February-March 2022 floods on the Gold Coast, in response to Emergency Housing Assistance Requests the department assisted 31 people into crisis accommodation; the average amount of time spent in short term accommodation was eight days; and the longest time spent in short term accommodation was 32 days.

Depending on the scale of a disaster event, the volume of households impacted by the disaster and the available housing options, the department may utilise emergency, short term housing options such as hotels to provide people with safe and secure housing, while working actively with customers, local services and across government agencies to assist people to transition back to their homes or to longer-term housing solutions with support.