

Question on Notice

No. 275

Asked on Tuesday, 29 March 2022

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how much money has been spent on emergency accommodation in the Maroochydore housing region (reported separately by year) for the period 2017-18 to 2020-21?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

Under the *Queensland Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021–2025* (the Action Plan), the Queensland Government is investing \$2.9 billion over 4 years, including \$94.9 million to support the housing and homelessness service system and deliver better outcomes for Queenslanders.

The Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy's (DCHDE) Emergency Housing Assistance Response (EHAR) is activated in response to a disaster event or health pandemic event. It is a service response that is available to all Queenslanders who have been impacted by a disaster or pandemic event and covers the spectrum of housing products, services and programs. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic being declared in Queensland, EHAR was a response utilised by DCHDE for natural disaster events only.

DCHDE provides a range of temporary, immediate or transitional supported accommodation to people experiencing homelessness including through the funding of Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) under the Homelessness Program. The Homelessness Program aims to reduce the number of people who are at risk of, or experiencing homelessness in Queensland by funding services that assist people to obtain housing, maintain their housing and maximise their capacity to be independent, and connected to appropriate social and community supports. A number of SHS are allocated an amount of brokerage funding to assist people to access or maintain independent accommodation, address any problems or issues that prevent a person accessing or maintaining accommodation and provide responses that are flexible and tailored to a person's needs. Brokerage may be used to purchase temporary hotel or motel accommodation; however, it is predominantly for other support services. DCHDE also delivers a Crisis Accommodation Program (CAP).

Homelessness Program funding is not reportable by Housing Services Centre region. However, in the Sunshine Coast Local Government Area, DCHDE allocated funding for brokerage, temporary, immediate or transitional supported accommodation and CAP of \$3,552,166 (GST exclusive) in 2017-2018, \$2,874,277 (GST exclusive) in 2018-2019, \$3,004,461 (GST exclusive) in 2019-2020 and \$3,514,107 (GST exclusive) in 2020-2021.