

Question on Notice

No. 356

Asked on Thursday, 31 March 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 the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre (Wellcamp Quarantine Hub) being used as emergency accommodation— Will the Minister provide the number of flood impacted Queenslanders housed at the facility, broken down daily from 1 March 2022 to present?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Queensland Government is continuing to act to help Queenslanders impacted by the current flood disaster and is providing a range of support to people requiring short and longer-term accommodation.

As of 5 April 2022, there are 774 households that have been assisted with their housing needs including some households being provided with emergency or temporary assistance across South East Queensland. Of these households, we are continuing to assist 159 households with their ongoing housing assistance needs. The other 615 households have already had their needs resolved.

All available short-term accommodation options remain under consideration for use, should they meet the locational and other needs of individuals or households requiring temporary accommodation. This includes the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre (QRAC) (Wellcamp Quarantine Facility) however from 1 March 2022 to date, the needs of flood affected individuals or households was able to be accommodated through the Department's resources.

The Queensland Government will continue to act to help Queenslanders impacted by the current flood disaster, including through the \$600 000 Rapid Response Fund I announced on 9 March 2022 to assist to deliver enhanced housing and homelessness services in impacted areas.

Staff have been on the ground in evacuation and recovery centres across affected areas to provide housing assistance and support and our Housing Service Centres have remained open and are a place for people to access information and assistance to meet their housing needs.

People seeking assistance to find emergency and temporary accommodation should contact their local Housing Service Centre or phone 13QGOV.