Question on Notice

No. 482

Asked on Tuesday, 24 May 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Housing Investment Plans and the $105m Capital Housing Program to address overcrowding in remote and Indigenous communities—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many new houses have been completed and (b) which communities have received these homes, and how many each?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Queensland Government is committed to delivering improved housing outcomes through genuine partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.

These partnerships include strengthened joint decision-making with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Councils in identifying locally-led solutions to housing needs, as well as stimulating job creation and economic development opportunities in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Capital investment to increase the supply of housing in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities is being delivered through a $40 million Interim Remote Capital Program and the $105 million Forward Remote Capital Program.

Allocation methodologies for both capital programs were established in partnership with the 17 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Councils. Through capital delivery, the key priorities of relieving overcrowding and the supporting of a pipeline of work for future development are able to be addressed.

The investment under the $40 million Interim Remote Capital Program is expected to deliver 54 new homes, provide 34 extensions to existing homes and to create 40 new allotments for social housing investment, based on the current position of Housing Investment Plans as of 8 June 2022.

As of 8 June 2022, delivery under the Interim Remote Capital Program includes 14 new homes, six extensions and 15 land allotments, consisting of four new homes in Aurukun, six new homes and six new lots in Doomadgee, six extensions in Hope Vale, four new homes and four new lots in Pormpuraaw and five new lots in Yarrabah.

As of 8 June 2022, the investment under the $105 million Forward Remote Capital Program is expected to deliver 158 new homes, provide 20 extensions to existing homes and to create 122 new allotments for social housing investment. Work is continuing under this program, with projects expected to commence in 2022.

The Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy's remote capital investments are also aligned with the Queensland Housing Investment Growth Initiative, which is delivering a strong, coordinated program of capital investment to increase housing across the state.

Together, these complement a state-wide government focus on increasing home ownership, which will also help to provide appropriate housing solutions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in line with the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Action Plan 2019 – 2023* and the *Queensland Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021 – 2025*.