

Question on Notice

No. 1108

Asked on Wednesday, 13 September 2023

DR A MACMAHON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING (HON M SCANLON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to March 2022, when the then Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy put in place a pause on sell-offs/divestment of public housing—

Will the Minister confirm (a) if the pause on public housing sell-offs is still in place and (b) if the pause has ended, in the past 12 months, how many properties, and in which locations, have been (i) sold on the private market and (ii) sold to tenants?

ANSWER:

The sales program was suspended in South-East Queensland from early 2022 following the severe weather events in the region. In July 2022 this suspension was extended throughout the state as part of the overall response to meet increased demand for social housing, and this remains in place.

Properties that continue to be sold are those under the *Sales to Tenants Program* administered by the Department of Housing, and sales to other government agencies which support major infrastructure projects (resumptions) and community facilities.

In the 12 months ending 31 August 2023, the department sold 20 department properties to tenants under the *Sales to Tenants Program*. These sales were in Avenell Heights, Biloela, Bucasia, Centenary Heights, Durack, Goodna, Gympie, Inala, Morayfield, Moura, Nerang, Norman Gardens, Regents Park, Riverview, South Johnstone, Stafford and Waterford West.

Sales to other government agencies totalled 15 properties. These sales were in Fitzgibbon, Kingston, Logan Central, Manoora, Mooloolaba and Mountain Creek.