

Question on Notice

No. 1141

Asked on 14 September 2023

MR S ANDREW asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

With reference to detached housing in the Mackay and Central Queensland regions—

Will the Deputy Premier advise (a) the amount of land released for detached housing developments in these regions over the past three years (reported separately by year and region), (b) the number of detached dwellings constructed over the past three years in these regions (reported separately by year and region) and (c) what steps the government has taken to establish an inventory of available land that will be needed to meet the anticipated demand for detached housing developments in these areas between now and 2030?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government Statistician's Office (QGSO) does not collect data on the amount of land released for detached dwellings. However, the QGSO does monitor and report on related data such as the number of new residential lots approved and created, as well as building approvals for detached houses.

The QGSO also projects dwelling supply based on population projections. This is based on all dwelling types, including detached houses.

You can locate a yearly summary of lot approvals and creation, and detached dwelling approvals between 2021-2023 for the Central Queensland and Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday regions by visiting the QGSO website at www.qgso.qld.gov.au.

Local Housing Action Plans assess factors impacting housing in specific local government areas and identify current and future housing needs.

The Palaszczuk Government provided \$200 000 to the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils in mid-2022 to prepare 22 Local Housing Action Plans, which were finished by June 2023. In March 2023, the Palaszczuk Government announced an additional \$600 000 in funding to the Local Government Association of Queensland to develop Local Housing Action Plans for an extra 38 councils including but not limited to Banana Shire Council, Central Highlands Regional Council, Gladstone Regional Council, Livingstone Shire Council, Mackay Regional Council and Rockhampton Regional Council, with completion expected by March 2024.

These initiatives demonstrate the Palaszczuk Government's commitment to identifying housing needs, solutions, and coordinating responses to housing challenges in rural and remote communities, including those in the Mackay and Central Queensland regions.