Question on Notice

No. 1331

Asked on Wednesday, 25 October 2023

MR T MANDER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING (HON M SCANLON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the \$2b Housing Investment Fund and the 5,600 new social and affordable dwellings the Palaszczuk Government promised it would deliver by mid 2027—

Will the Minister provide the projected number of new build dwellings built by the fund tenanted as at (a) 30 June 2024, (b) 30 June 2025, (c) 30 June 2026 and (d) 30 June 2027?

ANSWER:

The Housing Investment Fund (HIF) is targeting the commencement of 5,600 social and affordable homes by 30 June 2027. All HIF-supported social and affordable dwellings will be tenanted as soon as practicable following completion, but it is not possible to predict the date on which each such tenancy will commence.

Through the HIF, the Palaszczuk Government is already supporting community housing provider National Affordable Housing to purchase and manage up to 335 properties in Townsville and in South-East Queensland that were formerly incentivised under the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) – a scheme defunded by the Abbott LNP Government.

All 94 homes in the first tranche have settled, and as at 30 September 2023, all of these homes have been tenanted, providing a roof over the head of nearly 200 people.

On 8 August 2023, the Queensland Government announced the HIF is providing support to Coast2Bay to acquire up to 121 homes in the Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay and Gympie regions that are exiting NRAS.

To 30 September 2023, all 24 homes in the first tranche to be purchased by Coast2Bay have settled and are tenanted, housing approximately 45 people.