

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1519**

**Asked on 28 November 2023**

**MS F SIMPSON** 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:**

Will the Deputy Premier advise (a) what advice the department has about the number of new dwellings required each year, including on the Sunshine Coast, to meet population growth and (b) the shortfall in housing supply versus population growth each year to meet that demand?

**ANSWER [MINISTER FOR HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS (HON M SCANLON)]:**

On 18 December 2023, I was appointed as Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works and as such, I am now the responsible Minister to answer this Question.

Over the next 25 years, the population of Queensland is projected to grow by a further 2.1 million people, from 5.2 million people in 2021 to 7.3 million people in 2046. Based on the Queensland Government Statistician's Office medium series dwelling growth forecasts, an additional 930,000 dwellings need to be constructed across Queensland between 2021 and 2046. This implies that an additional 37,200 dwellings are needed each year to meet projected growth by 2046.

Based on the draft ShapingSEQ 2023 Update, population in the Sunshine Coast will grow from 346,600 people in 2021 to 553,000 people by 2046 people, a total increase of 206,400 people.

Dwellings in the Sunshine Coast are projected to increase from 147,200 to 227,800 dwellings between 2021 and 2046. A total increase of 80,600 dwellings or an average of 3,224 new dwellings per year to meet population growth in the Sunshine Coast.

The latest data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics for September 2023 record a 12-month total of 34,060 new dwellings approved.