

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1602**

**Asked on Thursday, 30 November 2023**

**MS F SIMPSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING (HON M SCANLON)—**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to social housing in the Maroochydore Electorate—

Will the Minister advise (reported separately by year) since 2018 (a) the number of social housing properties, (b) the number of social housing properties under construction, (c) the number of people on the social housing register, (d) the current wait time for eligible housing applicants, (e) average time public housing properties are vacant between occupants and (e) what funding the Queensland Government has provided to services to prevent those on the social housing register from experiencing homelessness?

**ANSWER:**

The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring all Queenslanders have access to safe, secure and sustainable housing.

Since 2018-2019 to 2023-2024, a total of \$15,142,842 in Homelessness Program funding has been committed to non-government organisations to deliver Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) in the Maroochydore State Electorate.

Since 2019-20, when the Coordinated Housing and Homelessness Responses (CHHR) program commenced, through to 2023-24 a total of \$678,043 (GST exclusive) funding has been provided to one organisation to auspice one Care Coordination Facilitator in the Sunshine Coast Local Government Area, which covers the Maroochydore State Electorate.

From 1 July 2018 to 31 October 2023 over \$920,000 has been provided to customers in funding through the provision of Private Market Financial Assistance including Bond Loans, Bond Loan Plus and Rental Grants, including those on the social housing register.

The Queensland Government has committed a record investment of \$6 billion in social and affordable housing since 2015, with a rolling forward program of infrastructure delivery.

In 2018-19, there were 865 social housing properties in the Maroochydore State Electorate and 20 homes delivered of which all were new construction. \$1,203,511 in Homelessness funding to two organisations for three SHS and \$168,671 in funding for Bond Loan, Bond Loan Plus and Rental Grant products to customers. Public housing properties on average were vacant tenable for 13.8 days between occupants. There were 137 applications on the social housing register.

In 2019-20, there were 880 social housing properties in the Maroochydore State Electorate and 27 homes delivered of which all were new construction. \$1,294,420 in Homelessness funding to two organisations for five SHS. \$150,000 (GST exclusive)

funding to one organisation under the CHHR in the Sunshine Coast LGA. The department provided \$335,316 in funding for Bond Loan, Bond Loan Plus and Rental Grant products to customers. Public housing properties on average were vacant tenable for 16.1 days between occupants. There were 199 applications on the social housing register.

While from 2020 onwards there have been many social housing properties under construction across Queensland they have not been in the electorate of Maroochydore, though there are 28 homes under contract to be delivered.

In 2020-21, there were 877 social housing properties in the Maroochydore State Electorate. \$1,976,603 in Homelessness funding to two organisations for four SHS. \$46,849 (GST exclusive) funding to one organisation for CHHR in the Sunshine Coast LGA. The department provided \$106,534 in funding for Bond Loan, Bond Loan Plus and Rental Grant products to customers. Public housing properties on average were vacant tenable for 14.2 days between occupants. There were 68 applications on the social housing register.

In 2021-22, there were 881 social housing properties in the Maroochydore State Electorate. \$2,697,044 in Homelessness funding to two organisations for five SHS. \$152,250 (GST exclusive) funding was committed to one organisation for CHHR in the Sunshine Coast LGA. The department provided \$128,348 in funding for Bond Loan, Bond Loan Plus and Rental Grant products to customers. Public housing properties on average were vacant tenable for 9.4 days between occupants. There were 61 applications on the social housing register.

In 2022-23, there were 877 social housing properties in the Maroochydore State Electorate. \$3,126,266 in Homelessness Program funding to two organisations for six SHS. \$159,969 (GST exclusive) funding to one organisation for CHHR in the Sunshine Coast LGA. The department provided \$130,445 in funding for Bond Loan, Bond Loan Plus and Rental Grant products to customers. Public housing properties on average were vacant tenable for 9.0 days between occupants. There were 69 applications on the social housing register.

In 2023-24, there were 887 social housing properties in the Maroochydore State Electorate. As of 31 October 2023, \$4,844,998 in Homelessness funding has been committed to three organisations for seven SHS, \$168,975 (GST exclusive) funding has been committed to one organisation for CHHR and the department has provided \$54,129 in funding for Bond Loan, Bond Loan Plus and Rental Grant products to customers. There were 44 applications on the social housing register.

Social Housing Register data, reported as applications and the number of months an applicant has been on the Social Housing Register, is available on the Queensland Government Open Data Portal at <https://www.data.qld.gov.au/dataset/social-housing-register>.