

## Question on Notice

No. 303

Asked on Wednesday, 29 March 2023

**MR T MANDER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL ECONOMY AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the government's 'QuickStarts' program—

Will the Minister advise (a) the number of 'spot purchases' which have been made under the program to add growth capacity (reported separately by financial year from 2021-22 and QHIGI region) and (b) the number of dwellings completed under the QuickStarts program currently tenanted (reported separately by QHIGI region)?

ANSWER:

QuickStarts Qld is a capital program that is being delivered through department-delivered projects and as a partnership between the Queensland Government, registered community housing providers, community organisations and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander councils. QuickStarts Qld commits to commence the delivery of 2, 765 new social homes across Queensland by 30 June 2025. As at 31 March 2023, under QuickStarts Qld, contracts have been awarded for the commencement of 1, 330 new social housing homes.

The Palaszczuk Government has been working hard to increase social housing supply given that between 2012 and 2015 under the former Government, there was an overall reduction of 428 social homes.

In recognition of the challenges and delays due to the exceptionally difficult market conditions driven by material and labour supply shortages, a range of strategies have been developed in addition to our traditional construction program to deliver housing stock. This includes the introduction of a program to acquire existing homes from the market in areas of need to increase immediate housing supply, as well as developing a program to deliver factory-built dwellings across Queensland.

In 2021-22 the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy (DCHDE) acquired existing dwellings across the state including eight in Central Queensland; eight in Darling Downs; three in Far North Queensland; seven in Mackay/Whitsunday; 13 in North Queensland; four in Brisbane; nine in the Gold Coast; nine in Ipswich; one in Logan; one in Moreton Bay; one in Redlands; three in the South East Queensland Regional Councils Region; and three in Wide Bay Burnett.

In 2022-23 DCHDE acquired existing dwellings across the state including four in Central Queensland; four in Darling Downs; three in Far North Queensland; 11 in Mackay/Whitsunday; 16 in North Queensland; 15 in Brisbane; one in the Gold Coast; five in Ipswich; five in Logan; seven in Moreton Bay; five in the South East Queensland Regional Councils Region; two in the Sunshine Coast; and six in Wide Bay Burnett.

As of 31 March 2023, 200 of the new homes that have been delivered through QuickStarts Qld are currently tenanted across the state including 11 in Cape York; 11 in Central Queensland; 19 in Darling Downs; 21 in Far North Queensland; 18 in Mackay/Whitsunday; 31 in North Queensland; 17 in Brisbane; 23 in the Gold Coast; 11 in Ipswich; two in Logan; seven in Moreton Bay; two in Redlands; four in the South East Queensland Regional Councils Region; two in the Sunshine Coast; and 21 in Wide Bay Burnett.