

**Question on Notice  
No. 371  
Asked on Tuesday, 18 April 2023**

**MS A LEAHY** ASKED MINISTER FOR ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND HYDROGEN AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND PROCUREMENT (HON M DE BRENNI)

Will the Minister advise how many applicants for the Home Raising Program have been found to have a habitable floor level below the assessed flood level identified for the relevant local government area (reported separately by local government area) and deemed not eligible for home raising?

**ANSWER**

As at 8 May 2023, I am advised there have been 4,858 registrations of interest through the Resilient Homes Fund. Registrants can register interest in retrofit, raise and buy-back options, where raising options are assessed under the following eligibility criteria:

1. The building is considered practical to raise.
2. The habitable floor was inundated during an eligible flooding event.
3. The habitable floor level is below the recommended minimum habitable floor level (assessed flood level), as specified for the relevant local government area.

All three criteria must be met to be eligible for a home raise. The criteria were established to prioritise funding based on where it is practical and cost effective to raise and with consideration for the extent of damage and flood risk exposure. Home raising is generally best suited to timber-framed homes on stumps. Single or double brick, or slab-on-ground homes are often not practical or cost effective to raise.

As a result, I am advised approximately 825 homes identified as having a habitable floor level below the assessed flood level were not eligible for home raise. The breakdown of these 825 properties by Local Government Area is: Brisbane City Council (522); Moreton Bay Regional Council (78); Ipswich City Council (101); City of Gold Coast (31); Sunshine Coast Regional Council (24); Logan City Council (26); Gympie Regional Council (21); Lockyer Valley Regional Council (14); Fraser Coast Regional Council (8).

Further, I am advised by the Department of Energy and Public Works that all 825 were eligible for the retrofit component of the Resilient Home Fund, as well as emergency assistance, rent assistance and the wide range of other grants and support services to Queenslanders affected by floods and disasters. Further information on the support available can be found via the Community Recovery online portal at [www.communityrecovery.qld.gov.au](http://www.communityrecovery.qld.gov.au).