

Question on Notice

No. 453

Asked on Thursday, 20 April 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 answer to Question on Notice No. 764 of 2022 and the Help to Home program—

Will the Minister advise as at 1 April 2023 (a) the total number of properties submitted for consideration and the number approved, (b) the number of submitted properties that have been rejected for inclusion in the program (reported separately by property suburb name) and (c) the number of employees (FTE) allocated to manage the program?

ANSWER:

Headleasing is an established form of housing assistance that currently provides over 2,309 safe, stable and affordable housing outcomes for people on the Queensland Social Housing Register while a longer-term housing solution is established.

Help to Home is just one of many programs under the Queensland Housing Investment Growth Initiative funded under the *Queensland Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021–2025* that provides an innovative way to add more homes to our social housing stock.

The Help to Home initiative was publicly launched on 24 July 2022 with Expressions of Interest open until October 2022 and extended to June 2023 to provide owners and investors with further opportunity to submit properties for consideration.

As at 1 April 2023, 116 properties have been submitted for assessment. 55 properties have been approved in Beenleigh, Keperra, Alderley, Daisy Hill, Coolum Beach, Gatton, Bayview Heights, Yeerongpilly, Dutton Park, Kewarra Beach, Yeronga and Redland Bay and allocated to households on the Social Housing Register.

36 properties, located in Berrinba, Riverview, Dicky Beach, McKenzie, Cardwell, Mt Morgan, Bli Bli, Palmview, Manly West, Maroochydore, Russell Island, Nerang, Tanah Merah, Caboolture, Clontarf, Rosewood, Cleveland, Gatton, Lutwyche, Highgate Hill, Cunnamulla, Cleveland and Redland Bay were not approved, as they did not meet the criteria set out in the published Expression of Interest documentation. Of the remaining 25 properties, 22 were either withdrawn or had an offer declined by the property owner and three are currently under assessment.

The Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy continues to work with property owners who have lodged an expression of interest in the initiative.

The Help to Home program is currently being managed by two existing departmental employees (FTEs).