

Question on Notice

No. 516

Asked on Tuesday, 9 May 2023

DR C ROWAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL ECONOMY AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise of the specific planning and allocated funding, by the Queensland State Government for the provision of Community and Neighbourhood Centres to service residents of the Moggill, Bellbowrie, Kenmore, Brookfield and surrounding suburbs?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government's 2022-2023 State Budget included record additional investment of \$115.8 million to support the Neighbourhood Centres sector, including \$51.8 million for the biggest ever uplift to base operational funding, and \$39 million in capital funding for the construction and redevelopment of Neighbourhood Centres in areas of greatest need.

The Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Partnerships, Communities and the Arts uses a consistent, evidence-informed approach to investing in new Neighbourhood Centres to ensure that they are in locations that have the greatest level of need. This approach includes thorough analysis of Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data including the Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage to identify areas with high levels of disadvantage and population growth, consideration of existing services in locations and community consultation. The department also has a commitment to increasing service delivery in discrete First Nations Communities.

The North West Community Hub in Bardon, the Benarrawa–Graceville Community Hub, Sherwood Neighbourhood Centre and Riverview Community Centre are the closest Neighbourhood Centres funded by the department and are available to assist residents in the surrounding suburbs.

In total, these centres receive funding of \$995,596 per annum, which is an increase of \$500,476 from 2021-22, plus \$60,000 in supplements to the three centres that do not operate out of a State government owned building.