

Question on Notice
No. 756
Asked on Tuesday, 13 June 2023

MR M BERKMAN ASKED MINISTER FOR ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND HYDROGEN AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND PROCUREMENT (HON M DE BRENNI)

With reference to the work of QBuild—

Will the Minister advise for 2020-21 to 2022-23 financial years (reported separately by financial year) (a) how many new homes did QBuild (i) commence as construction manager, (ii) complete as construction manager and (b) how many projects in total did QBuild (i) commence as construction manager, (ii) complete as construction manager and (iii) complete or commence by engaging and managing a third party builder to deliver new infrastructure for a government agency under its capital works remit?

ANSWER

QBuild plays a critical role in working with other government agencies to deliver government priorities through the planning, procurement and delivery of projects and programs of work, the training of apprentices for the building and construction industry and during natural disaster events, the assessment, make safe and repair of public built assets. QBuild is continuing to rebuild its strong presence right across the State, including its network of contractors and suppliers. QBuild provides services to its clients by insourcing (using QBuild trade staff) or outsourcing (using external contractors) under a variety of project/program delivery arrangements.

Within the context of the above information and for the purpose of providing a response to the Member's question, construction management is defined as QBuild being the builder and/or principal contractor under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* for projects over \$250,000. A project is defined as including, for example, a major refurbishment of multiple buildings at a TAFE or one unit of accommodation (house) or multiple units of accommodation (7x 2-bedroom units).

Further, the figures presented in parts a (i) and a (ii) do not incorporate other Government construction and housing methods such as the construction of frames, pods and components, and maintenance.

QBuild is embracing and maximising the new modern methods of construction methodology by way of volumetric and panelised construction of housing. The Member's specificity in the question touches on only a fraction of the annual work QBuild facilitates.

The response to the Member's specific questions is below:

		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
(a) i	Count new homes commenced by QBuild as construction manager	9	12	29
(a) ii	Count new homes complete by QBuild as construction manager	26	14	9
	Total new homes completed by Qld Government	657	354	494
(b) i	QBuild projects commenced	1,102	1,440	976
	QBuild work orders commenced	35,052	37,648	69,181
(b) ii	QBuild projects completed	976	1,166	1,112
	QBuild work orders completed	35,052	37,648	69,181
(b) iii	Count third party builder (outsourced) project management commenced	163	155	151
	QBuild work orders for third party commenced	476,611	493,600	649,706
(b) iii	Count third party builder (outsourced) project management completed	132	153	154
	QBuild work orders for third party completed	476,611	493,600	649,706

Notes to table:

- *Projects commenced in one financial year may or may not have been completed in the same financial year depending on the date of commencement, i.e. a project commencing in May 2021 will not be completed within the 2020-21 financial year, whereas a project commenced in July 2020 may be completed within the 2020-21 financial year.*
- *Projects completed in one financial year may or may not have been commenced in the same financial year depending on the date of completion, i.e. a project completed in July 2020 will not have commenced within the 2020-21 financial year, whereas a project completed in June 2021 may have commenced within the 2020-21 financial year.*
- *For part (a), QBuild's data is on units of accommodation (residences/households) and not number of individual projects.*
- *For part (b) (i) and (ii), QBuild's data is on number of projects, e.g. 7 x 2-bedroom units count as one project and seven residences/units of accommodation (residences/ households). Commencement was taken as when construction commenced or in the case of completion where practical completion occurred.*
- *For part (b) (iii), the count of project management projects was calculated where a third-party (outsourced) builder was engaged by QBuild. Commencement was taken as when Contractor is issued a Letter of Acceptance or in the case of completion where practical completion occurred.*