

Question on Notice

No. 815

Asked on Thursday, 15 June 2023

MR J MCDONALD ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING (HON M SCANLON)

QUESTION:

With reference to the Department of Housing recently taking possession and doing works to six units in Cochrane Street, Gatton and the refusal of the department to take possession of another six units in Clarkes Lane, Gatton due to fire protection issues—

Will the Minister review these units in Clarkes Lane so that they can also have work completed and make them available for rent?

ANSWER:

The six units at 11 North Street Gatton, which are currently accessed from Clarkes Lane, are located on Crown land (reserve) for the purpose of aged care. Lockyer Valley Regional Council (Council) are the registered Trustee of the reserve and are responsible for the management of the property.

The department conducted investigations into the property on North Street, Gatton and potential suitability for social housing. The property was deemed unsuitable due to the substantial and uneconomical upgrades required to upgrade the units up to standard and comply with fire safety regulations, this advice was relayed to Council at the time.

In the event Council has upgraded the property to social housing standard including addressing the fire management issues and rectified the completion of infrastructure and road works, the department would re-assess its suitability for social housing.

The department is currently undertaking a review of the site against the department's acquisition policy.