

## Question on Notice

No. 857

Asked on Friday, 16 June 2023

**DR M ROBINSON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING (HON M SCANLON)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how many current applications remain unallocated and the measures being taken to address the shortage of available social housing across Redland City, including North Stradbroke and the Southern Bay Islands?

ANSWER:

Through a record investment in social and affordable homes in Queensland, more than 13,500 will have commenced by 2027, including in the Redlands region.

71 new social homes are planned through an investment of \$20.3 million, supporting more than 64 full-time equivalent jobs. This is in addition to the 55 new social homes that are already commenced under the First Action Plan of the *Queensland Housing Strategy 2017–2027*. As at 30 June 2023, 39 new homes have already commenced in Redlands region. Redland City, North Stradbroke Island and Southern Bay Islands is included in the Redlands Region.

The Palaszczuk Government has also secured a two-year headlease of a former retirement village in Redland Bay, to be used as temporary accommodation for Queenslanders experiencing, or at risk of homelessness. The property includes 26 studio units, as well as two, three-bedroom homes.

Each year there are substantial resources from the Department of Housing dedicated to the annual publication of the Social Housing Register data. The department ensures its published data about the register, usually released in September, is de-identified so not to compromise the privacy of individuals in its published data. This is in line with recommendations by the Office of the Information Commissioner to safeguard the privacy of those on the register.

The latest publicly available Social Housing Register data, reported as applications is available on the Queensland Government Open Data Portal at <https://www.data.qld.gov.au/dataset/social-housing-register>.