

Question on Notice

No. 865

Asked on Friday, 16 June 2023

MR T MANDER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING (HON M SCANLON)

QUESTION:

With reference to page 10 of Budget Paper 2023-24—

Will the Minister advise a) of the 1,500 dwellings which have been ‘commenced’ under the QuickStarts program since July 2021 (i) how many of these dwellings are under construction, (ii) how many of these dwellings are now tenanted; (b) of the 1,500 homes approved under the Housing Investment Fund (i) how many of these are under construction, (ii) how many of these homes are now tenanted and (c) of the 1,200 ‘pipeline’ of homes to be delivered through Brisbane Housing Corporation and QIC (i) how many of these homes are under construction and (ii) how many of these homes are now tenanted?

ANSWER:

QuickStarts Qld is a whole of Queensland capital program that is being delivered through department-delivered projects and as a partnership between the Queensland Government, registered community housing providers, community organisations and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander councils and commits to commence the delivery of 3265 new social homes across Queensland by 30 June 2025.

In recognition of the challenges and delays due to the exceptionally difficult market conditions driven by material and labour supply shortages, a range of strategies have been developed in addition to our traditional construction program to deliver supply including the introduction of a program to acquire existing homes from the market in areas of need to increase immediate housing supply, as well as developing a program to deliver factory-built dwellings across Queensland.

As at 30 June 2023, contracts have been awarded for the commencement of 1,844 new homes under QuickStarts Qld, including 840 in partnership with Community Housing Providers. Of the 1,844 new homes commenced, 459 are under construction and 484 have been delivered.

Of the 484 new homes that have been delivered through QuickStarts Qld, 340 are tenanted or in the process of being tenanted. The remaining homes are larger scale sites that are being progressively tenanted.

There are additional capital programs other than QuickStarts Qld which are delivering social and affordable homes across Queensland.

To date, the Housing Investment Fund (HIF) has approved support for more than 1,500 dwellings, including up to 1,200 homes to be delivered through a commercial partnership between Brisbane Housing Company and Queensland Investment Corporation Limited.

To date, approximately \$479 million in support has been contracted under the HIF, with payments to HIF proponents to progress as relevant milestones are reached. I am advised that construction is underway on 116 dwellings supported by the HIF.

On 3 July 2023, I announced that 71 projects had progressed to the next round of assessment as part of the HIF's Private Site Invitation. If successful, those 71 projects could provide some 3,000 social and affordable homes.

For part of the question, I refer the Member to the response to Question on Notice number 781 asked by the Member on 14 June 2023.