

Question on Notice

No. 116

Asked on Thursday, 15 February 2024

DR A MACMAHON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS (HON M SCANLON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to \$1.813b in capital spending measures announced in the 2021-22 budget for social housing—

Will the Minister advise (a) the annual allocation of this capital spending for 2021-22, 2022-23, the budgeted amount for 2023-24, and the expected remainder of the \$1.813b for 2024-25 and (b) if there are any other measures for social housing expenditure in 2024-25?

ANSWER:

Announced in June 2021, the *Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021–2025* committed \$1.813 billion over four years to increase the supply of social housing and upgrade the existing social housing property portfolio, as detailed in the 2021-22 State Budget.

The social housing capital program includes new construction, upgrades to existing social housing, land acquisition, purchase of existing dwellings for use as social housing, and capital grants.

Details of the annual allocation of funding under the Action Plan are available in each year's Budget Papers, accessible online at <https://www.treasury.qld.gov.au/resources/>. The State Budget for 2024-25 will be tabled by the Deputy-Premier and Treasurer, in June 2024, and available online at that time.

Since the announcement of the Action Plan, the Queensland Labor Government has continued to provide additional funding for the supply of housing, including doubling the Housing Investment Fund to \$2 billion, with an increased \$130 million per annum now available for social and affordable housing.

At the 2023-24 State Budget, our Government also allocated an additional \$1.1 billion over five years, comprising \$322.2 million over four years from 2023-24, to expand the QuickStarts Queensland program by a further 500 new social housing dwelling commencements; and \$778.1 million over five years to continue the delivery of Action Plan commencement targets, offset unavoidable cost increases and supply chain impacts in the construction sector, and retain and upgrade dwellings for social housing that would have otherwise been sold.

The Miles Government's recently announced *Homes for Queenslanders* plan includes a further funding commitment of \$1.25 billion over the next five years to contribute to the ramping up of social housing delivery up to over 2,000 social homes each year from 2028.