

Question on Notice

No. 162

Asked on Wednesday, 6 March 2024

MR J LANGBROEK ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS (HON M SCANLON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Queensland Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021-2025, and specifically housing for people with a disability—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many people with a disability are on the housing waitlist from 2021 to date and (b) how many people with a disability have been moved off the wait list from 2021 to 2024 to date and into suitable disability housing?

ANSWER:

The *Queensland Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021–2025* recognised that everyone needs a place to call home, and that people with disability can face additional challenges in accessing appropriate housing and obtaining or sustaining a tenancy.

The Miles Government's *Homes for Queenslanders* plan commits to strengthening pathways and increasing housing support for people with disability through a new action-orientated plan *Partnering for Inclusive Housing with Queenslanders with Disability 2024-2027*, codesigned with people with disability and other housing experts. The plan will be released shortly.

The Queensland Housing Register is not a waitlist, but a point-in-time register of social housing applications that is used by Housing Service Centres and non-government providers to allocate social housing. From day to day the data can fluctuate due to various factors and reflects demand for housing assistance.

Social housing register data, including the number of applications where at least one family member was identified as having a disability and the month/year an application was received, is now released quarterly and is available on the Queensland Government Open Data Portal at: <https://www.data.qld.gov.au/dataset/social-housing-register>

Allocation to an available social housing property in a location is based on the complexity of individuals' needs and circumstances and their match to the features of available properties, including location, size and amenity.

While on the housing register, people can also apply to access the department's full range of housing products and services or be referred to other agencies to help with support needs. Importantly, many of those who have registered interest on the housing register have already been assisted by the department to address their immediate housing needs with other solutions such as bond loans and rental grants.

People living with a disability can present in different ways, with many people relying on social housing as an affordable and accessible housing outcome.

Of the total number of households assisted with social housing (government owned and managed and community housing) during the 2020/21 financial year, 1,989 were identified as having one or more household member with a disability.

Of the total number of households assisted with social housing (government owned and managed and community housing) during the 2021/22 financial year, 2,061 were identified as having one or more household member with a disability.

Of the total number of households assisted with social housing (government owned and managed and community housing) during the 2022/23 financial year, 2,610 were identified as having one or more household member with a disability.