

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 276**  
**Asked on 20 March 2024**

**DR C ROWAN** ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE (HON D FARMER)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline for the 2023-24 financial year-to-date, (a) total expenditure on new teacher housing and (b) total numbers of new teacher housing (reported separately by accommodation type and region)?

ANSWER:

The Department of Education (DoE) provided three new units of accommodation and entered into 156 new leases for the 2023–24 financial year to 22 March 2024, to meet the growing demand for teacher housing for eligible teachers across the State.

In the 2023–24 financial year to 22 March 2024, expenditure of \$884,556.63\* was incurred in the acquisition of three new units of accommodation.

New leases are sourced, in the first instance, from Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works – Government Employee Housing-owned properties. When suitable government-owned options are not available, DoE leases properties from the private rental market.

Total expenditure for the 156 new leases for the 2023–24 financial year is forecast as \$2,425,265.92\*, with expected revenue collected through subsidised rent calculated at \$425,570.43\*. The expected expenditure net total for the 2023–24 financial year is \$1,999,695.49\*.

The total number of new teacher housing that became available for use for the 2023–24 financial year to 22 March 2024 (reported separately by accommodation type and DoE region) is: Central Queensland Region: 62 leased – seven units and 55 houses; Darling Downs and South West Region: one DoE-owned new unit of accommodation acquired; and 34 leased – three units and 31 houses; North Queensland Region: 42 leased – 14 units and 28 houses; Far North Queensland Region: two new DoE-owned units of accommodation built; and 17 leased – two units and 15 houses; and North Coast Region: one house leased.

Teacher housing numbers provided above are additional (new) properties that became available for use in the 2023–24 financial year. These figures are current as at 22 March 2024, noting that data can change on a daily basis pending lease agreements.

\* Figures shown are the actual costs to DoE. Residential properties that are leased to staff or DoE are GST free. DoE is not able to claim a GST refund on construction, repair costs or new residential purchases.