

Question on Notice

No. 643

Asked on Wednesday, 22 May 2024

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the roll out of the new modular home project across Queensland—

Will the Minister provide the complete costings for the fabrication, construction, supply, and installation of (a) the seven modular homes delivered to Eidsvold including the cost of land, (b) an average modular home similar to above prior to transportation, (c) remaining estimated or quoted costs for the completion of these homes and (d) the scheduled completion date?

ANSWER:

The Miles Government has partnered with industry through its Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) program, to deliver modern homes that are energy efficient, accessible and adaptive to the Government's housing needs. The MMC program allows for increased production speed and supports delivery certainty.

Homes are built to an agreed standard and condition, designed to withstand the varied robust environmental conditions experienced in Queensland.

Through the MMC program, the Government has delivered substantial outcomes for the benefit of communities across regional and remote Queensland.

The seven completed MMC residences in Eidsvold were delivered at a total cost (including the cost of land and transport) of \$3,533,069 (or \$504,724 per home). As these homes were already completed before this question was asked, there are no remaining costs for completion, and the scheduled completion date is passed.

Due to the large geographical scale of the MMC program there are a number of variables that affect program costs such as: supplier, transport options, site location and associated site works, and access to local workforces. The cost of manufacturing can also vary slightly depending on customer requirements and supply. Due to the multitude of variables, an average cost for a "similar" modular home cannot be provided.

The time required to complete a MMC dwelling varies considerably depending on a number of variables, such as: location, supplier, and local workforce capacity. Due to these variables, an average completion timeframe cannot be provided.