

## Question on Notice

No. 699

Asked on Thursday, 23 May 2024

**MR T WATTS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS (HON M SCANLON)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) how many (reported by title and year released) reports, reviews, action plans, strategies, or initiatives have been conducted and released into social and affordable housing since 2000 and (b) in each (reported per reports, reviews, action plans, strategies, or initiatives) how many homes were promised to Toowoomba over what periods of time?

ANSWER:

The current Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works does not hold the relevant information in relation to all plans, reports, reviews, initiatives, strategies and action plans conducted and released since 2000, and the research and collation of this information across various data sources would not be an appropriate use of departmental resources.

Since 2015, the Labor Government has released the following strategies and action plans, which include measures to increase the supply of social and affordable housing and to support housing and homelessness outcomes:

- In 2017: *Queensland Housing Strategy 2017-2027*, complemented by the *Queensland Housing Strategy 2017-2020 Action Plan*;
- In 2019: *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Action Plan 2019-2023*
- In 2021: *Queensland Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021-2025*
- In 2024:
  - *Our place: A First Nations housing and homelessness roadmap 2031*, complemented by the *Our place: A First Nations housing and homelessness action plan 2024-2027*;
  - *Homes for Queenslanders*.

Since 1 July 2015, as at 31 May 2024, in the Darling Downs region, which includes Toowoomba, across all programs including QuickStarts Qld:

- 260 homes have been delivered;
- 41 homes are currently in construction; and
- 105 homes are under contract to be delivered (not yet in construction or settled).

The *Queensland Housing Strategy 2017–2027* included the Housing Construction Jobs Program which targeted the commencement of 2,972 social homes across Queensland, including 58 commencements in Toowoomba over the first five years of the strategy. All 58 social homes were commenced within this timeframe.

In 2021, the *Queensland Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021-2025* was released and included the announcement of QuickStarts Qld, a whole of state social

housing capital delivery program, which targeted 2,765 social home commencements across Queensland by 30 June 2025. When announced, regional targets for the program were specified. As part of the 2023-24 Budget, an additional \$322.2 million was announced to increase the QuickStarts Qld target by 500 homes, taking the new State target to 3,265.

The QuickStarts Qld target for the Darling Downs region, which includes Toowoomba, is 125 social homes commenced by 30 June 2025. As at 31 May 2024, the target for the Darling Downs region has been exceeded with contracts awarded for the commencement of 203 social homes. Of these:

- 150 homes have been delivered;
- 18 homes are in construction; and
- 35 homes are under contract to be delivered (not yet in construction or settled).

Of the plans, strategies or action plans released since 2015, only programs announced under the Queensland Housing Strategy 2017-2027 (including related action plans) included regional (or local government area) social housing targets.

In 2013, the previous Government released *Housing 2020*. The plan did not include specific social housing targets for Toowoomba.