

Question on Notice

No. 783

Asked on Wednesday, 12 June 2024

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the ‘Homes for Queenslanders: a fair and sustainable housing system’ budget measure identified on Page 59 of Budget Paper 4—

Will the Minister provide an itemised list of all programs funded from 2023-24 to 2027-28, (reported separately by financial year (including the funds allocated to each itemised program))?

ANSWER:

The Miles Labor Government’s *Homes for Queenslanders* plan, backed by \$3.1 billion over five years, is the biggest investment in housing supply and homelessness support services in Queensland’s history.

Funding provided through the *Homes for Queenslanders* is in addition to funding provided to programs across the housing portfolio and should not be interpreted in isolation as a representation of total funding allocation.

The total funding for each pillar over the five years of the plan is as follows: \$504 million for Pillar 1 – ‘More homes, faster’; \$166 million for Pillar 2 – ‘Support Queensland renters’; \$30 million for Pillar 3 – ‘Help for first homeowners’; \$1.75 billion for Pillar 4 – ‘Boost social housing’; and, \$526 million for Pillar 5 – ‘Towards ending homelessness’.

Pillar 1 – ‘More homes, faster’ provides in 2023-24 \$104.7 million, in 2024-25 \$148.9, in 2025-26 \$118.1 million, in 2026-27 \$117.4 million and in 2027-28 \$15.5 million.

The Miles Government is providing additional funding towards improving the planning system to deliver more quality homes and contribute to a whole-of-system approach to deliver one million new homes by 2046. Key initiatives under this pillar include an infill development fund, a new state facilitated development team and new housing design standards.

Pillar 2 – ‘Support Queensland renters’ provides in 2023-24 \$35.2 million, in 2024-25 \$53.9 million, in 2025-26 \$60.8 million, in 2026-27 \$8.3 million and in 2027-28 \$8.3 million.

The Miles Government is providing additional funding for more financial aid and increased rights and protections for Queensland renters, including through the Renters Relief Package to tackle the cost-of-living.

Pillar 3 – ‘Help for first homeowners’ provides in 2023-24 \$2.8 million, in 2024-25 \$11.7 million, in 2025-26 \$12.4 million, in 2026-27 \$2.9 million and in 2027-28 \$0.4 million.

The Miles Government is providing additional funding for targeted home ownership, support for First Nations peoples aspiring to own a home and increased regional Queensland finance loan support.

Pillar 4 – ‘Boost social housing’ provides in 2023-24 \$189.8 million, in 2024-25 \$244.3 million, in 2025-26 \$115.4 million, in 2026-27 \$376.0 million and in 2027-28 \$825.9 million.

The Miles Government is providing additional funding towards the delivery of 53,500 social homes in Queensland by 2046.

Pillar 5 – ‘Towards ending homelessness’ provides in 2023-24 \$57.2 million, in 2024-25 \$203.9 million, in 2025-26 \$174.0 million, in 2026-27 \$30.8 million and in 2027-28 \$60.4 million.

The Miles Government is providing additional funding for homelessness services and support, which includes a temporary 20 per cent increase for frontline homeless services while a review of Queensland’s homelessness responses is undertaken.

In addition to the individual pillars, and as part of the \$3.1 billion package, the Miles Government is providing additional funding of \$120.8 million over five years and \$15.8 million per annum on-going for enhanced frontline and support services including additional staff in Housing Service Centres across Queensland to deliver tenancy management services, as well as funding to modernise customer interactions through in-person, phone and online services.

The total \$3.1 billion package includes initiatives to be delivered across multiple departments.