

## Question on Notice

No. 978

Asked on Thursday, 22 August 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 ‘work towards ending homelessness initiatives’ outlined on pages 32 and 33 of the Homes for Queenslanders Plan—

Will the Minister advise which homelessness outreach services are to be run after-hours, and the commencement date for each of these new after-hours services (reported separately by Housing Service Centre)?

ANSWER:

The Miles Labor Government, as part of our *Homes for Queenslanders* plan, dramatically increased funding for homelessness responses across the state, with a 20 per cent boost in funding to meet demand for frontline and specialist homelessness services through to the end of 2024-25.

Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) have been funded to continue and expand delivery of their after-hours outreach services in six priority locations: Townsville, Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, Cairns and the Gold Coast.

These services provide assertive outreach to people who are experiencing homelessness and warm referrals to appropriate support services, 24 hours per day, seven days per week,

The SHS funded to deliver after-hours outreach, by the Housing Service Centre (HSC) catchment, are:

- Buranda HSC: Micah Projects Limited’s Street to Home service, delivery of after-hours outreach in Brisbane commenced in December 2022.
- Cairns HSC: Mission Australia’s Street to Home service, delivery of after-hours outreach in Cairns commenced in January 2023.
- Chermside HSC: Micah Projects Limited’s Street to Home service, delivery of after-hours outreach in Brisbane commenced in December 2022.
- Fortitude Valley HSC: Micah Projects Limited’s Street to Home service, delivery of after-hours outreach in Brisbane commenced in December 2022.
- Gold Coast HSC: UnitingCare Community’s Gold Coast Homelessness Services, delivery of after-hours outreach on the Gold Coast commenced in December 2022.
- Inala HSC: Micah Projects Limited’s Street to Home service, delivery of after-hours outreach in Brisbane commenced in December 2022.
- Maroochydore HSC: IFYS Limited’s Outreach Access Sunshine Coast service, delivery of after-hours outreach on the Sunshine Coast commenced in January 2023.

- Moreton Bay HSC: Encircle Limited's Outreach – Moreton Bay service, delivery of after-hours outreach in Moreton Bay commenced in January 2023.
- Townsville HSC: Australian Red Cross Society's Street to Home service, delivery of after-hours outreach in Townsville commenced in February 2023.