Question on Notice

No. 981

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:

Will the Minister advise how many residents are on the waiting list for public housing since 2016 (reported separately by year) for the following electorates - Theodore, Coomera, Gaven, Broadwater, Southport and Bonney?

ANSWER:

The Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works does not operate a waiting list for social housing, but rather has a housing register, which is used by Housing Service Centres and non-government providers to allocate social housing.

It is important to note that social housing applications are prioritised based on the level of need, and not on the length of time since a person's application. For example, people experiencing homelessness, or those experiencing domestic, family or sexual violence are prioritised over people who are already in a home.

Data sets, including information about the social housing register, are published online by the Queensland Government on a quarterly basis. This data is searchable by state electorate and is available on the Queensland Government Open Data Portal at http://www.data.qld.gov.au/dataset/social-housing-register.