

Question on Notice

No. 1105

Asked on Thursday, 18 September 2025

MR C WHITING ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH (HON S O'CONNOR)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise, for the period between 12 March 2025 and 15 August 2025, or the nearest reportable date (a) how many people were recorded by the Department of Housing and Public Works or its funded homelessness services as sleeping rough in the Moreton Bay local government area, (b) how many of those people were formally offered housing or accommodation by the department or its funded services and (c) of those offered accommodation, how many accepted and how many declined?

ANSWER:

- (a) The Department of Housing and Public Works (the department) Housing Outreach and Mobile Engagement (HOME) team works as part of a co-responder model with State-funded Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) and local governments to conduct outreach to known homelessness hotspots, to address visible homelessness.

For the period between 12 March 2025 and 15 August 2025, 274 rough sleepers engaged with the HOME team in the Moreton Bay Local Government Area.

- (b) Formal acceptance of offers of accommodation can often take a number of interactions to be achieved and during this period, the department recorded that 51 people were supported into accommodation.
- (c) The department does not have quantitative reporting data relating to declined offers of accommodation for people sleeping rough. Accommodation options are offered as part of the engagement with the HOME Team for those willing to engage with the department. To provide data on each interaction and the outcome of offers of accommodation would require a manual review of qualitative system notes and would be an unreasonable use of departmental resources.

SHS do not provide the department data specifically relating to declined offers of accommodation by people experiencing homelessness.