

Question on Notice

No. 1229

Asked on Thursday, 16 October 2025

HON M SCANLON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH (**HON S O'CONNOR**)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Specialist Homelessness Services funding—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many Specialist Homelessness Services' funding schedules end in June 2026, (b) a list of programs impacted by funding ceasing at the end of this financial year and (c) the number of associated places temporary/crisis accommodation impacted?

ANSWER:

For too long, Queensland's frontline housing and homelessness services have been stuck in a cycle of short-term contracts and funding uncertainty. That instability – a legacy of the former government – has held back the workers and organisations our most vulnerable Queenslanders rely on.

That's why the Crisafulli Government is shifting the system from year-to-year patch-ups to long-term certainty and multi-year contracting with stable, secure funding.

As part of this we're modernising the products and services within our Homelessness Program to be designed around delivery outcomes, place-based need and what actually works on the ground.

This is a deliberate shift from the former government's stop-start approach, where providers were routinely left waiting on contracts, operating from extension to extension, with very little certainty beyond the current financial year.

- (a) As recently announced in the 2025-26 State Budget, the Crisafulli Government has committed increased funding to the homelessness sector of \$380.1 million over five years. In addition, \$208.9 million was committed to lock in 20% uplift funding to eligible Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) providers over the next four years until 2029-30.

As at 31 October 2025, there are 91 organisations delivering 221 SHS of which recontracting to lock in new longer-term arrangements will be undertaken in advance of June 2026 to provide funding certainty to SHS providers for the first time.

- (b) SHS are funded under the one Homelessness Program.

The Homelessness Program continues to deliver a range of Specialist Homelessness Service supports and initiatives such as the Immediate Housing Response (IHR), temporary supported accommodation, mobile support and outreach.

The department is modernising all programs, including the Homelessness Program, to ensure these services are fit for purpose, responsive to need and deliver tangible and measurable impact.

- (c) 1,930 places of temporary supported accommodation are funded to be delivered in this current financial year.