

## Question on Notice

No. 144

Asked on Tuesday, 12 March 2025

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the emergency response to ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred—

Will the Minister advise (reported separately by accommodation model (e.g. hotels, motels, shelters) and broken down by Local Government Area) how many people who were experiencing homelessness prior to ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred were (a) placed into long-term housing and (b) placed into short-term or temporary accommodation?

ANSWER:

At any point in time, the department is unable to determine the number of homeless people across Queensland. The most accurate data capturing incidence of homelessness is reported through the ABS Census, with the last Census occurring in 2021. Therefore, the department is unable to advise how many people were experiencing homelessness prior to ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred.

The department's Critical Response Team (CRT) delivers outreach services to engage with people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, assisting individuals to link with specialist services as required.

Data captured by the department relates to services provided in response to homelessness, including outreach data and support provided to people displaced during natural disasters.

Prior to ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred, on 5 March 2025, the CRT engaged with 190 individuals across South-East Queensland through outreach services and provided support to access specialist homelessness services as required. A further 47 individuals chose not to engage with CRT on 5 March 2025.

As at 11 April 2025, the department has received 444 Emergency Housing Assistance Response (EHAR) requests from members of the community requiring assistance in response to ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred.

Of the 444 requests received, 170 required short-term temporary accommodation equating to 278 people. Of those assisted into short-term temporary accommodation their Local Government Area was:

- 37 Brisbane City
- 1 Bundaberg Region
- 37 Fraser Coast Region
- 46 Gold Cost City
- 2 Ipswich City
- 17 Logan City
- 9 Moreton Bay Region

- 10 Redland City
- 9 Sunshine Coast Region
- 2 Toowoomba Region

402 requests have now been closed with 42 households currently being supported by the department to determine their longer-term housing outcome.