

## Question on Notice

No. 1555

Asked on Thursday, 11 December 2025

**DR B O'SHEA** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH (HON S O'CONNOR)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the method employed by the Department of Housing to monitor the number of people experiencing homelessness in the Brisbane Local Government Area?

ANSWER:

The Department of Housing and Public Works' Housing Outreach and Mobile Engagement (HOME) team operates as part of a co-responder model with State-funded Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) and the Brisbane City Council to conduct regular outreach at known homelessness locations.

In the Brisbane Region, our HOME team collaborates with key SHS providers, including Micah Projects, Communitify (Hart4000), and Brisbane Youth Service, to facilitate referrals and outreach support to people experiencing homelessness.

It's important to acknowledge that those experiencing homelessness often have multiple touchpoints across the service system, engaging concurrently with agencies such as Queensland Health, the Department of Housing and Public Works and the Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety.

Through our Homelessness Ministerial Advisory Council, we are actively working to improve collaboration between different parts of government and the sector.

The 2021 Census datasets from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) estimated 4,490 people were experiencing homelessness in Brisbane, capturing a broad range of living situations, from rough sleeping to severe overcrowding. This point-in-time data enables trend analysis across Queensland, rather than just those accessing services.

The department also monitors data from the Specialist Homelessness Services Collection (SHSC), managed by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). This dataset tracks individuals accessing government-funded homelessness services. During the 2024-25 period, 16,315 people were assisted by these services in the Brisbane City Local Government Area, providing a verified count of service utilisation rather than an estimated measure of need.