

Question on Notice

No. 225

Asked on Friday, 14 March 2025

(MS 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 what additional funding the Queensland Government provided to not-for-profit organisations that the Department of Housing and Public Works were referring people to during the cyclone (in table format, reported separately by Local Government Area and not-for-profit organisation)?

ANSWER:

In responding to ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred, the Department of Housing and Public Works actively worked with local councils, government agencies and non-government organisations to provide temporary accommodation and support to displaced members of the community, including homeowners, private rental tenants, social housing tenants and people experiencing homelessness.

Specialist Homelessness Services are funded to provide support and temporary accommodation to individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, and who are willing to engage with those services. This may include individuals experiencing displacement during a disaster.

No additional funding specifically related to ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred was provided to Specialist Homelessness Services.

However, in response to current demand from the housing crisis we inherited, the Crisafulli Government has provided additional expenditure beyond what was inadequately budgeted to continue the delivery of crisis accommodation programs. This includes the Immediate Housing Response delivered through our Specialist Homelessness Services as well as Refuge Accommodation Assistance delivered directly through the Department of Housing and Public Works.