

Question on Notice

No. 302

Asked on Friday, 2 May 2025

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the government's announcement of three new youth foyers in Cairns, Hervey Bay and Moreton Bay—

Will the Minister advise (reported separately by each project location) (a) the total cost of the project, (b) forecast project start date, (c) forecast project completion date and (d) projected date for first residents to take occupancy?

ANSWER:

On 9 January 2025, the Crisafulli Government reaffirmed its election commitment to deliver eight new youth foyers across Queensland under the *Securing Our Housing Foundations* plan.

This includes three new youth foyers in Cairns, Hervey Bay and Moreton Bay, with the other five locations to be determined.

In relation to the Cairns Youth Foyer, the department is currently assessing tender submissions received for the construction of the foyer, and this will determine the total cost of the project.

Subject to the outcome of this tender evaluation process, construction is forecast to commence in the coming months. The forecast completion date and tenancy date for the Cairns Youth Foyer will be determined once the construction contract is awarded.

For the Hervey Bay and Moreton Bay Youth Foyers, the department is progressing planning and feasibility activities. Construction commencement dates are subject to these ongoing processes, noting I have committed to having commenced delivery on all eight youth foyers by the end of 2028.

Estimated project costs are commercial-in-confidence so as not to influence tender outcomes and ensure value for money.