Question on Notice

No. 569

Asked on Thursday, 22 May 2025

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Immediate Housing Response (IHR) program—

Will the Minister advise (a) the average duration of stay in emergency accommodation for households supported by the IHR program, (b) the total funding allocated to the IHR program to date and (c) whether the government intends to continue, modify, or discontinue the IHR program, and the rationale for this decision?

ANSWER:

- a) As at 28 May 2025, the average duration of stay in short term temporary accommodation for households supported by the Immediate Housing Response (IHR) was 4.04 months.
- b) From commencement in 2022-23 to 2024-25, a total of \$191.8M has been allocated to the IHR program.
- c) While we invest record funding in building new homes and strengthening housing pathways including expanding headleasing, the IHR program will remain part of the Crisafulli Government's broader housing response.
 - With just 509 new social homes delivered on average each year under the former government, there is significant catching up to do to meet the current level of demand. The IHR program plays an important role in providing emergency accommodation for vulnerable Queenslanders who can't wait for longer-term housing options.