

Question on Notice

No. 671

Asked on Wednesday, 11 June 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 Regional Discretionary Fund offered by the department—

Will the Minister advise (reported separately by Housing Service Centre) for each financial year from 2015-16 to current (a) the number of households supported through Regional Discretionary Fund payments, (b) total expenditure associated with the Regional Discretionary Fund and (c) whether any funds have been reallocated from other departmental programs or services to the Regional Discretionary Fund since November 2024, including details of the source programs and the amounts reallocated?

ANSWER:

The Regional Discretionary Fund (RDF) commenced in August 2018.

- (a) The number of households assisted through the RDF funded by the department’s Housing Service Centres has been compiled into a table for each financial year starting 2018/19 through to 2024/25 (as at 31 May 2025).

	Number of people assisted						
HSC	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 (as at 31 May 2025)
Bayside	1	4	3	4	13	72	244
Bundaberg	1	1	12	20	62	89	104
Buranda	2	10	8	15	3	12	118
Cairns	7	6	3	3	5	50	346
Chermside	0	0	0	0	2	45	66
Emerald	0	0	0	2	1	10	51
Fortitude Valley	0	1	2	0	3	23	206
Gladstone	1	1	9	6	13	61	123
Gold Coast	12	29	11	2	50	226	606
Inala	0	7	2	2	3	48	22
Ipswich	1	10	20	11	8	44	126
Logan	0	15	21	13	20	53	206
Mackay	2	7	3	3	20	16	15
Maroochydore	10	25	1	2	3	16	369
Maryborough	0	16	34	79	111	91	79
Moreton Bay	4	10	6	12	23	143	193
Mt Isa	0	1	0	0	0	3	6
Rockhampton	0	9	3	26	5	24	160
Toowoomba and South West	7	16	10	10	29	29	199
Townsville	0	14	39	22	11	17	55
Queensland	48	182	187	233	385	1,072	3,304

- (b) Total expenditure of RDF over the life of the program is \$74,703,669. The RDF is a centralised fund, and expenditure is not captured by Housing Service Centre.
- (c) There has been no reallocated funds from other departmental programs or services to the Regional Discretionary Fund since November 2024.