

Question on Notice

No. 739

Asked on Tuesday, 24 June 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 how many Queensland households were found to have an income that exceeds the social housing eligibility criteria but is under \$80,000 this financial year (reported separately by Local Government area)?

ANSWER:

The department does not hold general household income data. I am advised this is a dataset maintained and published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

In relation to the eligibility criteria, there are two separate income limits for social housing. These are the same income limits applied throughout the three terms of the former government.

For new applicants, the income limits are set to determine initial eligibility for social housing. Information can be obtained from <https://www.qld.gov.au/housing/public-community-housing/eligibility-applying-for-housing/guide-to-applying-for-housing-assistance/check-your-eligibility>.

Existing tenants are subject to different income limits, higher than the initial eligibility thresholds. This acknowledges that circumstances can change after someone is already housed, and a tenant might experience an increase in income through employment or other means. It also allows a tenant to increase their income to a level where they could then transition and self-sustain a tenancy in the private rental market. Further information can be obtained from <https://www.qld.gov.au/housing/public-community-housing/public-housing-tenants/during-your-tenancy/tenancy-reviews/ongoing-eligibility>.