

Question on Notice

No. 894

Asked on Tuesday, 26 August 2025

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the 2025–26 State Budget—

Will the Minister advise the total amount of funding provided over the forward estimates and by financial year for social housing maintenance?

ANSWER:

The department has budgeted \$1.349 billion over four years for repairs and maintenance across the social housing portfolio.

This includes \$325.178 million in 2025-26, \$336.765 million in 2026-27, \$339.083 million in 2027-28 and \$348.426 million in 2028-29.

Maintenance is both planned and responsive. Planned maintenance is guided by regular property condition assessments conducted periodically for each property. These assessments are used to identify maintenance activities required to ensure homes are safe, secure and in good working order.

The department's baseline maintenance budget is informed by these assessments, with the budget for each financial year determined as part of the annual budget process.

Responsive maintenance addresses the day-to-day maintenance issues that arise for a social housing property which are reported by the households, such as electrical fault, plumbing leaks, or structure damage.

Actual maintenance expenditure can vary, and where this exceeds the annual budget, additional funding may be sought via annual budget processes. Supplementary maintenance funding was sought in both 2023-24 and 2024-25 to support the delivery of planned and responsive maintenance activities.